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AND ALL WHO SAIL

Ferry passengers are about to get more choice in where they travel with the arrival of LD Lines. The new operator will offer sailings to Dieppe on its ferry Seven Sisters from February 2009, allowing customers the chance to visit the Normandy region of northern France. And from July 1, the company will run crossings to Boulogne. Customers who get in early will also have the chance of bagging an introductory fare of £30 for a car and four passengers. FULL STORY ON PAGE 3

BY MARIJKE COX

GWYN Prosser has called for the resignation of Dover Harbour Board's chief executive in the dispute over job privatisation plans.

The Labour MP for Dover and Deal attacked Bob Goldfield after the leak of a letter from ferry operators stating their "serious concerns" about the outsourcing of 190 landside jobs. Mr Prosser said: "After the publication of the ferry operators' letter, I think Mr Goldfield should consider his position."

In the letter, sent in September to harbour board chairman Bob Dibble, P&O, Seafrance and Norfolkline called the decision to outsource a "misrepresentation" and claimed the

board was "abusing its dominant position".

Mr Prosser has now written to
Mr Dibble, calling for Mr Goldfield to resign.

He wrote: "For two months the board has insisted the reason for outsourcing port work was because current arrangements were unacceptable to ferry companies and to other

ort users because they were uncompetitive.

"However, the explosive letter written by the ferry bosses and leaked to Lloyds List has blown their case completely out of the water."
But Mr Goldfield countered suggestions that

the ferry operators were against the plans. He said: That letter was sent in September. Since then many of the issues have been resolved. They agree in principle with the deci-

He also criticised union officials from Unite. He also criticised union officials from Unite.
"They are advising their members very
badly. Transfers will go ahead and the industrial action is pointless."
Members are taking further strike action on
Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

You can read Mr Prosser's letter to Mr
Dibble in full on Yourdover.co.uk.



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CEREMONY: Cllr Nigel Collor, MP Gwyn Prosser, Lord Warden, Bernard Butcher and chief executive of Dover District Council Nadeem Aziz were at the official opening of the café

Pier's 'icing on the cake' café officially opens

BY MARIJKE COX

greatly-anticipated café-bar on Deal pier has been opened by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

Admiral the Lord Boyce joined other officials from around the district on Friday to look around the new building, which features edge walls made of glass offering visitors views of the sea and Deal's coastline.

The contemporary structure is part of Dover District Council's £1.35 million transformation of the pier and was designed by renowned architects Niall McLaughlin and built by Barwick Construction Ltd. Cllr Paul Watkins, leader of the

council, remembers the original opening of the pier by the Duke of Edinburgh on November 19, 1957.

He said: "I was a young boy when it was originally built.

"This new building is magnificent and it will further add to the regeneration of Deal

"I expect it to win national and international awards for its design

The pier, which celebrated its 50th birthday last year, is one of only two surviving piers in Kent, with the

other being in Herne Bay. Admiral the Lord Boyce said: "This is the only one to have been built since the Second World War or to have been refurbished like this.

"It's a remarkable feature on this coastline and it's great the council has put this money in so we have this iconic architecture.

"We now have the icing on the cake with this striking design.

The cafe-bar, which is now open to the public, is being run by Jasin Kaplan who owns The Telegraph Chippie in the town.
Chairman of the council, Bernard

Butcher, said: "With all the piers that are vanishing in the country it's appropriate DDC made this a num-

ber one priority."

Facilities at the pier have been upgraded with new lighting and surfacing and the cafe-bar boasts a number of environmentally friendly features.

Cllr Nigel Collor, DDC cabinet member for access and property management, said: "This work represents a major boost for Deal seafront, for the town and for the district.

"It will help us all enjoy the full advantages that make the pier area in Deal so attractive to visitors and local people."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Interactive display a celebration of culture

AN EXHIBITION is being held in Dover Library presenting books and illustrations from around the illustrations fr European Union.

Winged Chariot Press is working with Kent Libraries as part of the Cultural Olympiad programme. The interactive exhibition runs until Friday, December 5, and features illus-

trations in Perspex cubes, a library of original picture books and a free resource CD for schools.

It aims to teach people about the diverse and vibrant nature of European Culture.

Help Rose to make a splash for charity

A FUND-RAISER from a charity in Deal is taking part in the big Boxing Day swim.
Rose Osborne, community fund-

raiser at Martha Trust, will brave the waters and take a dip in the sea to raise money for the charity, which provides residential and respite care for people with multiple and profound disabilities.
So far Rose has raised £145 but

hopes to reach £1,000. Sponsor her at www.justgiving.com/roseosborne.

Have you seen Alan?

POLICE in Dover are becoming concerned about the welfare of a man who has been missing for more than two months.

Alan Derek Hobbs, 49, of Milton

Road in Dover, was last seen in the town on September 15. He is described as white, 5ft 8in tall, of slim build with greying, receding hair and a beard and wears glasses.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Missing People Charity on 0500 700700.

Help with five a day

BARGAIN hunters can get bags of seasonal fruit and vegetables at knockdown prices as part of a new project in Dover.

KCC and the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT have teamed up to launch a year-long pilot scheme to help people get their five portions a day.

Customers can buy a bag of fruit

and vegetables for £3 and get a free, cotton eco-bag. The produce will be on sale on Thursdays from 1pm-4pm at the Riverside Centre on Maison Dieu



Recycling is on the up as presents passed on

More of us are re-wrapping unwanted gifts

BY MARIJKE COX

A THIRD of people in Dover have admitted giving away past unanted gifts disguised as new ones at Christmas.

Research by shopping website magazines by mail.net revealed there are more than 14,000"home-shoppers" in the district, choosing to rewrap their presents from previous years and hand them over supposedly new.

And with pressures of the credit crunch looming, studies showed significant cutbacks will be made in the town this year.

In 2007, people living in the district spent an average of £370 on presents, totalling £16 million. This year, however, shoppers plan to cut back on spending to £150 on purchases, making a total saving of £6 million.

And according to studies, many will be saving pennies by "recycling" unwanted gifts.
Nicola Rowe, from magazinesbymail.net,

said: "We all like to think our presents will be appreciated. However, 85 per cent of people admit to receiving unwanted gifts which they sell, throw out or re-gift to family and friends."



PRESENT: Shoppers Charlotte Martin and Aaron Gilbert are among many people who have no problem recycling gifts

Thrifty shoppers in the town spoke to Yourdover about re-using gifts during tough economic times.

Resident Jason Smith said: "I usually give them to charity or I guess you could sell them on eBay. I'd never judge someone for giving away something they were not going to use, especially if they are struggling with money."

Shoppers Charlotte Martin and Aaron Gilbert also thought that it was a good idea.

"We don't usually do it although if you're having money problems it's not a bad thing to do. I did give my mum some smellies last year that I didn't want

But others disagreed that it was a shrewd

money-saving move, calling it "mean".

Dover mother Tina Ellenor said: "Id never recycle presents. My children would take unwanted gifts to the Christmas fair or I'd give it to my daughter.

"It's seems a bit mean and what happens if you end up giving it back to the person who

gave it to you originally?"

Resident Pat Gregory said: "It's the thought that counts and there are lots of shops here where you can get something for very little.

"One of the problems these days is people

Community tackles antisocial behaviour

POLICE teams in the Buckland area of Dover are tackling antisocial behaviour and drug-dealing.

Nuisance motorists are also high on their agenda after a number of calls to officers about 'boy racers' intimidating people.
PCSO Sarah Wallis has set up a special oper-

ation to tackle the problems.

This has led to three arrests for motoring offences and several for outstanding offences, including assaults.
PCSO Wallis said: "Residents in Buckland

asked me to help because this antisocial behaviour was affecting their right to live in

peace.
"I put a plan together and got officers from
the Automatic Number Plate Recognition team and the police tutor unit involved and I am pleased with the results.

"These patrols will continue, but if anyone has concerns about problems in Buckland they can contact me."

Call PCSO Wallis on 07772 226040 or email

her at sarah.wallis@kent.pnn.police.uk

• The next Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting is on Tuesday, December 2, from midday to 2pm at the community centre in Roosevelt Road.



Ferry workers await decision over their jobs

THE Speedferries vessel Speed One has been released from the compound in Boulogne and brought back to the

The fast-ferry has been taken to Tilbury and will remain there until a decision is made on the future of the company, which went into administration two weeks ago.

Administrators Ernst and Young have taken over the management of SpeedFerries and are looking into selling the business and its assets.

Up to 150 staff are currently waiting to find out what the future holds for them and whether their jobs will be secure.

The only SpeedFerries craft, the Speed One, was detained in Boulogne by French port officials for non-payment of tax on Thursday, November 6.

It later emerged that the firm also owed Dover Harbour Board a six-figure sum for use of the Western Docks, although the board refused to reveal the exact amount.

The company announced that it had gone into administration on Thursday, November 13.

All crossings have been cancelled, but customers are being advised to

hold on to any pre-booked tickets.

An update on the situation was due to be be made today.

French company offers new sea route to Dieppe

A NEW ferry service is being launched in February, giving passengers more choice in their travel

French operator LD Lines will offer its passengers the option of travelling to the Port of Dieppe over the usual destinations of Calais, Boulogne and Dunkerque.

It will run a four-and-a-quarter hour daily service on its vessel Seven Sisters, which can carry 52 freight vehicles, 300 cars and up to 600 passengers.

LD Lines' managing director Christophe Santoni said: "Freight and tourist customers will be saving 250km drive time by using this service, compared to driving to western France from the short sea chan-

nel ports.
"Haulage companies will be able to reduce fuel consumption and their drivers can have an important

during the crossing, but they can also utilise a dedicated freight vehicle parking facility in the Dieppe

An introductory fare of £30 one way for a car and four passengers will be available.

Mr Santoni said: "The Dover Strait is the biggest ferry market in the world and we have identified for some time that this new route would be a commercial advantage for LD Lines to provide a network on the western Channel and Dover

Strait."
With the new route tourists will be able to travel easily to the Normandy region of northern

The company will also be opening a new Dover to Boulogne service from July 1, 2009.

For further details or to book, visit www.ldlines.com, or alternatively phone 0844 5768836.



Eastern Docks cocaine haul trucker jailed

A LORRY driver from Folkestone has been jailed for more than seven years after attempting to smuggle £480,000 of cocaine through the Port of Dover. Mason Stephens, 33, of St Michael

Mason Stephens, 33, of St Michael Street, was found with 9.9kg of the drug at the Eastern Docks on July 30 by UK Border Agency officers.

They discovered a holdall which contained cocaine in tape-wrapped packages hidden beneath clothes in the cab locker of the lorry.

Stephens was arrested and the case was passed to HM Revenue and Customs for further investigation. He admitted the attempted importation at Canterbury Crown Court and was sentenced on Friday last week to seven years and three months in prison.

Georgina Myles, of HM Revenue and Customs, said: "Our investigators and their UK Border Agency colleagues are determined to stop drugs entering the UK."

Panto characters in castle invasion

DOVER Castle is holding a special pantomime event for visitors this weekend.

Children can enjoy traditional panto fun on Saturday and Sunday, from 10am-4nm

A cast of characters will tell stories and act out improvised performances while audiences guess at who they are.

Youngsters can also take part in a panto picture quiz in the castle grounds to win festive prizes.

Admission for adults is £10.30, child-

Admission for adults is £10.30, children £5.20 and concessions £8.20. A family ticket is £25.80 and entrance is free for English Heritage members.

For more information, visit www.english-heritage.org.uk.





COMPANY GOES WITH THE FLOW

A £2.3 million project has been set up to boost the supply of water in the Dover district by 20 per cent.

Folkestone and Dover Water Services has been working on finding new sources to improve the long-term security of supply.

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A new source at Buckland Mill is now in operation and two further areas will be completed by the end of this month.

One in St Margaret's has also been upgraded as part of a separate £800,000 project and the treatment works at Dover Priory has been expanded.

Managing director David Walton said the aim was to develop a secure and sustainable water supply.

"We are likely over time to see a warmer and drier climate," he said. "We also have to allow for an expanding population."

Cross-channel support for Olympic torch bid

EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

THE new mayor of Calais has backed calls for the Olympic torch to arrive in Britain through Dover – but wants it to end its Continental European journey at the French port.

Local authority groups and MPs have all called for the flame to enter Britain in the shadow of the White Cliffs, as it did the last time the Games were held in the UK 60 years ago.

And now Natacha Bouchart, the mayor of Dover's twin town, also said she was behind the plans.

Speaking exclusively to KOS Media at the launch of a programme of Christmas festivities in Calais, she said: "I would love to see the Olympic flame pass through the streets of

Dover, but I would also like to see it come to my town as well. There is no reason why the flame cannot pass through the streets of both towns – $\,$

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ending its journey across the Continent here and then arriving for the last leg in Dover."

Mme Bouchart said her support reflected the closeness of the two towns.

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"We have common goals and look to co-operate as much as possible," she said.

"At this event for instance

"At this event for instance [the Christmas launch] we are extending an invitation for all our friends from across the Channel to come and take part."

The Olympic torch today

The Olympic torch today is ignited several months before the opening celebration of the Olympic Games at the site of the ancient Olympics in Greece.

Eleven women, representing the roles of

priestesses, perform a ceremony in which the torch is kindled by the light of the sun, its rays concentrated by a mirror.

It is then carried by a series of runners to the location of the Games.

The Olympic Torch Relay ends on the day of the opening ceremony in the central stadium of the forthcoming Games.

The final carrier is often kept secret until the last moment and is usually a sports celebrity of the host country.

He or she runs towards a cauldron, often placed at the top of a grand staircase, and then uses the torch to start the flame in the stadium.

After being lit, the flame continues to burn throughout the Olympics and is extinguished on the day of the closing ceremony.





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Charity sheds light on numbers of homeless

THE true extent of the homelessness problem in Dover is being undermined by the way that numbers are collated, says a charity that deals with the problem.

Figures issued last week show just one person was recorded as sleeping rough in Dover, with evidence of at least two more, during an annual check in the district by Porchlight.

They conducted a survey in six districts in Kent as part of the eighth Kent-wide rough

sleeper count.
The districts were: Thanet, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway, Ashford and Swale but the results are ambiguous as certain stipulations govern who can and can't be classed as a rough

For instance, if a person is sitting up in their bed materials in a doorway then they cannot be

BY **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

counted as an actual rough sleeper. The rules are proving a problem for the charity, who say it does not give an accurate representation of the problem.

Porchlight's Mark Parry said: "Unfortunately the figures are not a true reflection of the home-lessness problem in any of the areas. In Thanet for example we know of more than one rough sleeper.

Part of the problem is that the numbers do not include the so-called "hidden homeless",

not include the so-called "hidden homeless", who may spend their time staying with friends. The issue is often known as "sofa surfing".

Mr Parry added: "Rough sleepers also find places to sleep that are not obvious to locate, due to the dangers they face on the

He said the figures collected on the night were only a "snapshot" and between July and September this year 295 referrals were received for their service, with 60 per cent of them rough sleepers. A third of all the referrals are aged 18 to 24.

Mr Parry said there was "massive demand" for their help ranging from those who slept rough, to people being released from prison with nowhere to go to those facing imminent

The Porchlight charity, formerly called East Kent Cyrennians, rolled out their service countywide in January.

Mr Parry said: "The level of support for the

county, including Dover, has greatly increased but it has also served to further show the need of homeless and vulnerable people across

To find out more about the work of the charity and how to help see www.porchlight.org.uk.

Company named top

P&O Ferries has scooped the award for Ferry Company of the Year 2008. Representatives from the firm also

walked away with Best Cross Channel Operator during the British Travel Awards at a ceremony in London.

The British Travel Awards are chosen by the travelling public and industry professionals and were presented ahead of the country's biggest travel show, World Travel Market

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The Aspinall Foundation, which runs Port Lympne and Howlett's wild animal parks, are looking for adventurous volunteers to make a fund-raising parachute jump.

The 'accelerated freefall' involves skydiving solo from up to 12,000ft after a full day's ground training including practical and classroom sessions. Two qualified instructors then jump alongside until about 5,000 ft, when the parachute canopy is pulled. The option of a 'tandem skydive' from 10,000ft or a 'static line' jump from up to 3,000ft are also available.

Anyone interested must be aged 16 or over and weigh under 15 stone. For more information, phone 01323 492299 or email jeannep@howletts.net.

Investigation told how ship was forced to take emergency action

A CARGO ship was forced to make a 360degree turn in the Dover Strait to avoid a cruise-liner with 1,700 people on board which was crossing its path, a report has revealed.

The Grand Neptune's emergency turn in May was to avoid the 85,000-tonne Italian ship Costa Atlantica, according to the Marine Accident Investigation Branch.

The report said the Costa Atlantica had used inaccurate information to perform a "potentially confusing" move caused by a lack of understanding of radar findings.

But it added the cruise-liner's owner had

since taken steps to improve safety.

The Costa Atlantica was travelling at a

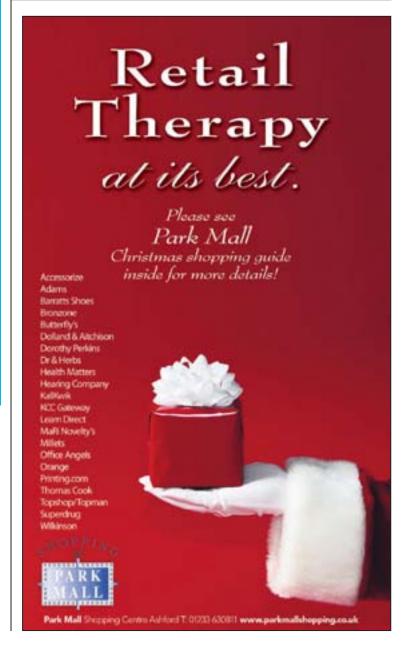
speed of 16 knots from Le Havre in France to

The report said the Grand Neptune, a Panamanian-registered car-carrying vessel, had to move quickly to avoid the liner. It said the bridge team on Costa Atlantica

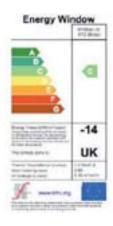
was "slow to appreciate the risk of collision with the Grand Neptune" and did not appreciate the possible inaccuracy of the informa-

tion being acted upon.

The report said: "The manoeuvring of Costa
Atlantica during the vessel's crossing of the
south-west traffic lane was potentially confusing, and the intentions of her master were not readily apparent to other vessels."



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Museum so grateful after timely bequest

A WIDOW has donated Morse code artefacts to Deal's Timeball Tower Museum.

Margaret Rogers, from Broadstairs, carried out her late husband John's request and gave journals, commemorative Morse keys, tapes and documents to the museum.

Dr Steve Chappell, chairman of the Deal Museum Trust which operates the tower, said:
"We are delighted and really grateful. We intend to put a new display together for when we reopen at Easter."

About 1,500 people visited the museum this year and Dr Chappell puts the success down to the support of friends, volunteers and the Lions who staff the museum midweek.

Dr Chappell said: "We are also grateful for financial support from Deal Town Council."

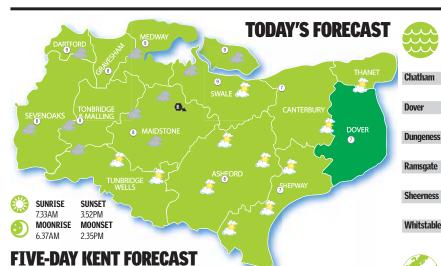
Easier planning advice

A SCHEME to make it easier for people to find out about planning permission has been launched in the Dover district.

Those seeking advice about permission for home alterations can already get informal answers to queries from the district council, but now residents with more complex issues can be helped.

From Monday, December 1, people can submit a Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Use of Development, which aims to bring greater certainty and faster turnaround.

A fee is payable of 50 per cent of the cost of the application for the same development. For more information or to submit an application for the certificate, visit www.dover.gov.uk/ planning/forms.asp, or phone 01304 821199.



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Continuing to trial new X-Ray services at The Folkestone NHS Walk-in Centre

The NHS in Eastern and Coastal Kent is pleased to announce that they are continuing to trial new X-Ray services at Folkestone NHS Walk-in Centre, part of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Radnor Park Avenue

The extended X-Ray service is available 6 days a week until Saturday 20th December

> Monday to Friday from 5pm - 8pm and Saturdays from 9am - 5pm

Your Doctor can refer you directly to the Walk-in Centre for this service.

It is hoped that this temporary extension will give patients improved access when attending the Walk-in Centre. After the 9 week trial period the number of people using the extended services will be assessed to see if this service should be available for longer hours in the long term.

> For further information contact: communications@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk

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QUESTION & ANSWER

RACHEL HOLLTDAY



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Now do you see your job?

My role is to oversee the whole charity and breaks down into two main areas – current and future projects. For the current projects, I monitor the overall quality of the services we provide – whether that be hostels for homeless people or support to prevent people from becoming homeless. I carry out internal inspections and make sure reports for funders are completed to deadlines. I attend many meetings with other agencies such as local councils and social services. For future projects, I work on ideas for developing new services to help vulnerable people.

What is the most challenging aspect of it?

Having enough hours in the day to get through everything. This sector is forever changing and it's really important to embrace any change, but that's not always easy. When I first started with Porchlight, nine years ago as a hostel manager, the charity only had 20 staff and helped about 60 clients at any one time. We now have 100 staff and can support more than 500 clients, so things have really changed. However, one of the things I enjoy most about the job is that it's varied, interesting and no two days are ever the same.

Now best can you help people?

Porchlight helps people in three ways – outreach, housing and preventative work.

Our street outreach team works across Kent by finding rough sleepers and helping them get housed and access to the basics such as health care, food and benefits. We also provide supported housing across east Kent – most are general hostels for homeless people, but some are specialist projects, for example for those with mental health issues or for young people. Finally, we support people in their own homes who are vulnerable to prevent them becoming homeless in the first place.

Are there any things which could be changed in law to help your work?

Funding is always difficult to gain. It would be better if longer-term funding was available, for example some funders will only fund for a year, which is problematic in that it can take quite a while to set up a project, but if it is only for a year it can be hard to retain staff. Three-year funding or longer is much easier to work with.

What things could be done to better support the people with whom you work?

More understanding from people about homelessness and those who are affected by it. Sometimes people make a lot of assumptions about the people we work with which just aren't true. The clients we work with are very diverse – we work with people as young as 16 and up to 65 years, men and women. Some are from good backgrounds, some are not – basically homelessness can happen to anyone.

Now do you feel about the award nomination?

I am very excited. I feel honoured to be nominated and it's a chance to get Porchlight recognised to a wider audience. It's also an excuse to buy a new dress!

Mill you be celebrating?

I am attending the ceremony with my husband, so I'm sure we'll be celebrating there if I am lucky enough to win. However, just going to the ceremony itself will be very exciting and a great opportunity to meet others.

Now do you relax outside work?

I belong to a number of amateur dramatic groups in east Kent, including the Arden Theatre in Faversham and Herne Bay Little Theatre. Being in plays is a great way to relax and meet new people. I love to read, as well, and belong to a book group called Ex Libris.

What are your current projects?

Porchlight is about to open a new accommodation project called George Culmer Court in Thanet. It's our first new accommodation project for over three years, so we are very excited. The project is for those with mental health issues and is unique in Kent as there will be our staff, the Mental Health Trust staff and Housing 21 all working together.

Bluewater

Rachel Holliday has just been nominated for an award for her work with charity Porchlight, which helps vulnerable people to make the best of their lives. Here she talks to **Nick Ames** about her efforts.



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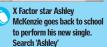


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New limits on booze cruisers hit county

BUSINESSES and ports in Kent will be hardest hit by a vote in the European Parliament that threatens to end the booze cruise trade, the leader of the UK Independence Party has warned.

Nigel Farage, a Euro MP for the South East, criticised the new guidelines, which would cut the amount of cigarettes and alcohol that Brits can bring back from the Continent, blaming

the move on "appalling puritans".

Under the rules the tobacco allowance will be slashed by almost 90 per cent and drink limits by half. "It is tough enough with the fall of the pound against the euro," said Mr Farage.

"A booze cruise to Calais or Boulogne is a good fun day out and very good for Kent, good for Kent business and good for the ports.

"If you take away the cheap fags and booze,

BY JENNA PUDELEK

people will not go in big numbers - and who does that benefit?

"It is just these appalling puritans wanting to control every aspect of our lives, and people will go on smoking and drinking, of course."

But those in favour of the guidelines on cross-Channel shopping said it would put a stop to cheap alcohol and cigarettes being resold.

In a knife-edge vote last week, 328 MEPs were in favour and 319 against the strict new guidelines for "personal consumption".

Three out of 10 South East Euro MPs, who

represent Kent, voted in favour of the legis-lation, which could come into force in two years' time - Caroline Lucas, leader of the Green Party, LibDem Sharon Bowles and Labour's Peter Skinner.

MEPs backed new guidelines of 400 cigar-

with UK Customs limits for returning travellers of 3,200 cigarettes, 400 cigarillos and 200 cigars.

With drink, the European parliament defined personal consumption as five litres of spirits, 45 litres of wine and 55 litres of beer, as opposed to UK Customs guidelines for personal consumption as ten litres of spirits, 90 litres

of wine and 110 litres of beer.

Mr Farage said he planned to fight the cuts.

"I think there is going to be intensive lobbying against it now. Kent will be hardest hit because there is nowhere else you can feasibly go for a day trip to France from.

However, a spokeswoman for ferry operator P&O said the company did not think the new rules would affect trade. "There will still be no legal limit on the amount of goods you can bring back. They are levels, not limits. They are a guide for Customs officers to work by."

Gap year travel plans could earn £1.000 bonus

A PROJECT entitled gapyearlotto could be about to bring a new angle to researching

Aimed at 17- to 26-year-olds, gapyearlotto. com claims to offer a new way to explore the

People who register have every click they

make on the website's links recorded.

Each click then acts as a raffle ticket in a

£1,000 monthly giveaway.

The project is the work of gap year student Charlie Walker. Fed up with using the internet at random, he decided to design his own programme which focused on showing off what different countries had to offer.

A spokesman said: "So gapyearlotto.com

was born. Despite the name, a gap year is

"They just have to be in the student age group and interested in travel. The cash on offer can be used to fund the travel that

someone has researched."

The project is in its final stages of completion, and aims to launch on January 1.
Users can sign up for free at www.

gapyearlotto.com.

Renowned author to address CPRE

THE Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is to hold its annual meeting on Friday.

The group is due to select a new chairman, with Richard Knox-Johnson likely to take the post.

Currently vice-chairman, he is a business consultant specialising in the financial sector and a former soldier.

New nominations for vice-president include Ashford MP Damian Green, county tourist alliance chief and recent

High Sheriff Amanda Cottrell and Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Derek Wyatt.

The meeting, at Lenham Community Centre, starts at 2pm and the charity says any residents who want to see the new officers elected are welcome to attend.

After the meeting, naturalist, author and TV presenter Richard Mabey will give a lecture entitled A Parable from the Backwoods.





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Campaign signs up to save lives

BY NICK AMES

SPEED camera sites are set to have posters fixed to them spelling out just why they are there to slow down motorists.

Amid continued claims that speed cameras are installed purely to boost revenue streams, the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership has launched a scheme whereby posters show the number of casualties in the three years before each camera was set up.

The latest stage of the Speed Shatters Life campaign was launched this week with head injuries charity Headway.

ricatway.

It is hoped that the green posters will highlight just why the cameras are necessary.

are necessary.

The partnership says each safety camera acts as a memorial for those who have been killed or seriously injured on the county's roads and it hopes the current poster campaign will make motorists slow down and think about their driving, not only at camera sites but on all roads in the county.



Katherine Barrett, communications officer for the partnership, said: "Speed Shatters Life aims to remind road-users that cameras have been installed to prevent death and serious injury on roads in Kent and Medway and are not there to make money.

"Since the partnership launched in July 2002, there has been an average 58 per cent reduction in those killed or seriously injured at all our camera sites.

sites.
"We hope that on seeing the posters motorists will slow down and stick within the legal speed limit for everyone's safety."

one's safety."

Linda Kerley, Headway East Kent chief executive, said: "Road traffic crashes cause up to 50 per cent of all brain injuries and Headway are therefore more than happy to work with the partnership to help reduce these numbers.

"A brain injury is a hidden disability which affects not only the survivor of a crash but also their family and friends"

friends."
The Headway East Kent charity covers Canterbury, Thanet, Ashford, Dover and Folkestone and offers support and care for those who have sustained a severe head injury, together with their families or carers.

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The charity is affiliated to Headway

the brain injury association which is
the only UK charity dedicated to the
care and reintegration of the headinjured into the community.

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For further information, log on to www.headway.org.uk.

Meanwhile, every camera location and its crash figures for before and after camera installation can be viewed at www.kmscp.org.



Youngsters learn to junk fast food

THE majority of youngsters in the South East are unaware of the effects that eating junk food can have, according to a British Heart Foundation (BHF) survey published on Monday.

It revealed almost eight out of

It revealed almost eight out of ten children (78 per cent) were unaware a shortened life was the worst consequence of eating badly. Almost half (46 per cent) of all eight- to 15-year-olds thought the most dangerous side-effects of junk food were making them put on weight, causing their teeth to rot, giving them spots, or making them unpopular.

The charity released the new

The charity released the new survey results as it launched its latest Food4-Thought initiative and its new online game, the Yoobot, to help children to make informed food choices.

Latest predictions show twothirds of children will be overweight or obese by 2050 and today's youngsters may be the first generation to live shorter lives than their parents.

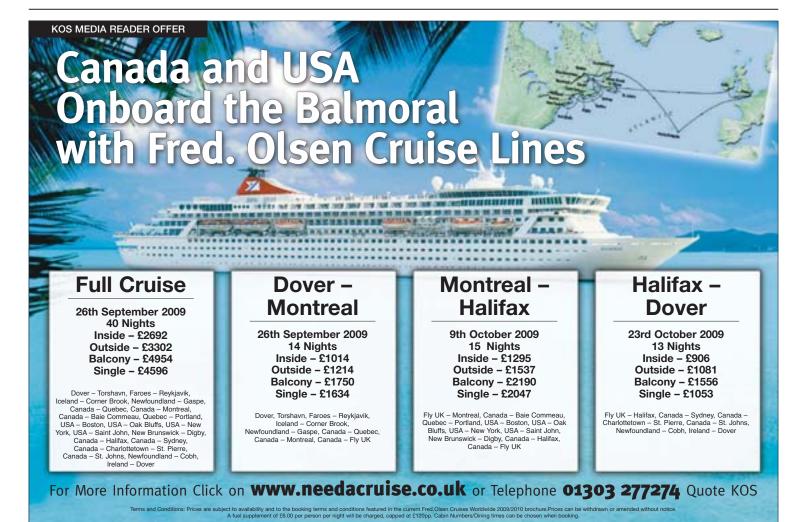
lives than their parents.

Almost a third (31 per cent) of 10- and 11-year-olds are overweight or obese.

The Yoobot is an online game (yoobot.co.uk) which allows children to play with their future, helping them understand the long-term effects of a poor diet.

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BHF director of prevention
and care, Mike Knapton, said:
"Today's junk food generation
are missing the fact that eating
unhealthily can have dire consequences on long-term health.

"The Yoobot is an innovative way for children to explore the effects of eating a diet of junk food. It is now more important than ever for children to be educated enough to take control of their diets."



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BREAK TIME



BOX CLEVER: Dover College pupils with boxes

The power of love

PUPILS from Dover College have taken part in the Love in a Box charity project.

The scheme is designed to give orphaned children in Ukraine, Bosnia and Romania presents at Christmas. Students aged between three and 18

Students aged between three and 18 filled shoeboxes will puzzles, toys, toothbrushes and toiletries which will be distributed in eastern European countries. Colin Spicer, Mustard Seed Relief Miss-

Colin Spicer, Mustard Seed Relief Missions charity project organiser, said: "I will never tire of hearing those screams of delight as the children open their boxes over something which we usually take for granted, such as a simple toothbrush."

Adventurous guest

STUDENTS at Sandwich Technology School have been commended for their achievements in 2008.

Staff, teachers, governors and parents attended a ceremony at the school as pupils received exam certificates and awards recognising their hard work throughout the year

throughout the year.

Guest speaker James Hooper, who has climbed Mount Everest and travelled from the North Pole to the South Pole, joined them in their celebrations.

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The 21-year-old recently completed a 2,000-mile journey from pole to pole and was named National Geographic Adventurer of the Year 2008 with his travelling partner Rob Gauntlett.

He said: "You can achieve anything with hard work and self-belief."

PTA ensures it's hall bright on the night

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A NEW £5,000 lighting system and projector for the hall have brightened up pupils at Sandgate Primary School.

It means performances by the children at the school in Coolinge Lane, Folkestone, will be both professional and great to watch. The lights are the latest gift provided by the Parent Teacher Association.

Chairwoman Heather Bradley said: "It was a big project to raise enough for the lights. But the improvements to the hall are fantastic and the children take huge pride in their shows and assemblies, which deserve to look great."

Through fund-raising events such as the Summer Sizzle, the PTA has been providing much-needed equipment and extras for the school.

Among the items bought are swim-bags for the swimming galas and new furniture for the reception area. The playground is more fun, with new markings for games such as hop-scotch and giant snakes-and-ladders.

And the school grounds look even better after the PTA spent £400 on plants, shrubs and four saplings.

The PTA organises events throughout the year and secures funding from banks which agree to match the amounts raised by those parents who are employees.

Next on the agenda is an autumn ball, shopping trip to Bruges and Christmas fair. Last



HIGH NUMBERS: Sandgate Primary School pupils have benefited handsomely from the PTA's fund-raising prowess

year's fair raised £2,100 with an additional £1,350 from matched funding, giving a grand festive total of £3,450.

Previously the PTA has also donated £1,400 so that each of the classrooms can update its book corners, with another £150 going towards supporting a new reading scheme.

Other activities organised by the PTA include magic shows for the younger children and discos for the older ones.

Organised trips to events for parents, teachers and friends have included Leeds Castle Proms in the Park, the Ideal Home Show and the Brighton Ice Show.

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But is news so important in our lives? What if the news stopped? What if you woke up one morning to find news had been outlawed?

morning to find news had been outlawed?
Would your day be very different? I suggest not. The boss would still be a plonker, the kids would still need picking up from school, the cat would still have fleas, and that electricity bill would still have you reaching for the whisky.

would still have you reaching for the whisky. Personally, almost everything I read in the news, I wish I hadn't. It's either horribly tragic, or madly infuriating, or gut-wrenchingly worrying. Experts have predicted that by 2017 life will be so fast-paced that stress and anxiety will become the West's biggest killer.

And keeping up with the latest news is part and parcel of this crazy 21st-century living.

and parcel of this crazy 21st-century living. So, can we avoid it? Can we switch off the news and lay down the newspapers for a day? A week? A month? Could we bear to not know what's going on elsewhere? Probably not. We are curious creatures, after all. But it might be worth a try

worth a try.

In the US, the Library of Congress keeps a copy of every newspaper in the world on microfilm, and at the last count had 200,000 on file. I guess that with almost seven billion people crawling across the planet, there'll always be something to report.

But, oh, for that wonderful day in 1930 when the BBC informed its listeners that: "Today there is no news. Piano music will follow."

That's highly unlikely to ever happen again, I'm afraid. No matter what, the news must report... something. And therein lies the sweet joy of nail-biting, pencil-chewing, ulcer-

developing editors so desperate for that frontpage headline that they have given us some of the silliest headlines ever.

And so, dear reader, I give you the (genuine) headlines that really can't be preceded by the word 'news' – although they might be followed by a good belly laugh:

- Police find weapons in raid on gunshop.
- Statistics show teenage pregnancies drop dramatically after age 25.
- Something went wrong in jet crash, experts say.
- Angry cow injures farmer.
- Schools closed for half-term.
- Seventeen dead in morgue.
- Ducks found on lake.
- Infertility unlikely to be passed on.
 War dims hope of peace.
- War dims hope of peace.Larger kangaroos jump further.
- Man dies at home. (I kid you not).
 Let's face it, there are days when no news is good news. Piano music will follow.

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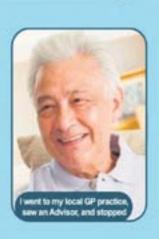
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And if that isn't enough, fans of the double

And if that isn't enough, fans of the double Bafta-winning Harry Hill's TV Burp will get the chance to see all the funniest moments

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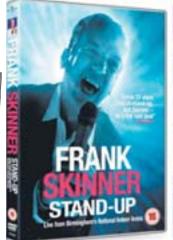
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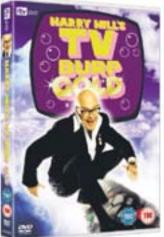
The week's viewing isn't complete without Harry's universal-

The week's viewing isn't complete without Harry's universally-acclaimed spin on the soaps, big-budget dramas, and reality television oddities we've all been enjoying. Over the years TV Burp has served up plenty of inventions served up.

The touring phenomenon Grumpy Old Women Live comes to DVD for the first time, giving its many loyal fans another chance to see the original cast of Jenny Eclair, Dillie Keane and Linda Robson on top form.

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It is hoped that this temporary extension will give patients improved access when attending the Walk-in Centre.

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TALK TIME



The founder of the Kent-based United Kingdom Friends of Galle talks about the charity's work helping those in southern Sri Lanka



How did the charity start?

I was born in Galle and most of my friends and family are there. When I turned on the TV on Boxing Day 2004 to see those terrible tsunami images, with passengers at Galle bus station being swept away in the raging waters, I knew at once that I had to do something to help.

Many of my friends and family died in the disaster. For all the millions of pounds donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee, it quickly became apparent that the money was not getting through to those who needed it. Business colleagues urged me to start my own charity to help the victims directly.

What sort of work does the charity carry out in Sri

Our first priority was to build houses for tsunami families. Now our focus is on providing scholarships and shoes for poor children and facilities for schools. We now have 167 children, some of them orphans, happily going to school thanks to the 1,000 rupees a month (£5) scholarships given by UKFG donors.

Our aim is to help them until they go to university. Unlike big charities, our donors can see the end result of their donation, be it a bright child doing well at school or 300 children all proudly walking with new shoes. Some of our supporters go to Sri Lanka on holiday and meet the children at the same time. It is so rewarding on both sides.

Do you have any other interests away from the charity?

I love writing and I have a regular weekly column in Sri Lanka's biggest-selling Sunday paper LAKBIMA. I am also a keen badminton player and naturally a cricket fanatic!

For information about the charity contact Devsiri on devsiri@hotmail.com or visit www.ukfg.net.

YOUR LETTERS

BNP candidate hits back at 'race card'

So, Ray Duff (last week's letters) has taken on the mantle of preacher and redeemer of misguided nationalist patriots who want to preserve the fabric and institutions of this nation that took over a thousand years to form and many millions died

to preserve.
What a pathetic creature he is when the BNP is gaining massive support all over the country because people are slowly waking up and seeing that our country's fabric is being eroded on a daily basis.

The BNP, also known as the 'common sense party', is disseminating the truth, which does not seem to be very palatable to the Liberal Labour/Conservative parties – or, it seems, preacher Duff.

Is this the same Ray Duff who professes to know a lot about everything in every local paper but seems to know very little about the BNP, especially when I censured him in the local press on April 24 for being ignorant of BNP policies? Will he ever learn?

To remind readers on the supposedly well informed Mr Duff's assertions that the BNP was in favour of ID cards and DNA retention, etc, (no enlargement from him - of course

on the 'etc' part in his letter).

I told him that he could access our policies on our website and find that we are against the aforementioned and he would find our website interesting and

impartial.

Obviously he is more concerned with grappling with the solution to his Rubik's Cube than finding out what is going on in our land Bigots like Mr Duff are a

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enlightenment my daughter-in-law is from Mauritius. An exgirlfriend of mine - we saw each other for more than six years

and one of the best friends I have ever had and still is was from Jamaica and is black, Mr Duff, and they are both BNP supporters.

Don't play the race card, Mr

Duff. You are talking to commonsense people who are telling the truth with no lies and spin.

As George Orwell so aptly put it: "In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a

revolutionary act."
In future I will read your outpourings in the local press with the contempt that many people reserve for our politicians knowing full well that you don't know your elbow from another part of your anatomy.

Harry Williams Prospective parliamentary candidate for the British National Party in Shepway

My local is a real wow – thank you!

One morning, bored of waiting for a bus at the Canterbury Road bus stop, I felt the urge to pop inside the Tesco Express nearby to get a copy of a daily paper to kill my time.

That was when I discovered Yourshepway. Wow, I thought, and I've been thinking wow ever since.

I like the contents inside very much – being a new resident in the area, it gives me so much information as to what's happening in Hawking Folkestone and around Kent as a whole.

The Shepway blogger section is my favourite. It delighted me so much to read about fortnightly rubbish collections.

The blogger jotted down my exact thoughts about that issue. Really, two weeks is too long to let the kitchen garbage rot and smell near front door.

I appreciate the articles featuring the British forces

In fact, every page is so worth reading.

Thank you. I can't wait to grab a new issue from the nearest newstand.

Yde Chamling Rai Hawkinge



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Care at home for the elderly is for life

Of course Mary Warnock is right. Old people are being cruelly discriminated against. If it only takes two doctors to kill off a baby that has no voice the old people that can speak should have the same

rights as mums. Let's be fair here, I, like a lot of you, have seen all we want to see with regard to old people's homes. I tremble at the things I have seen and been told of.

If I and the word love still means anything then this is not what I want to happen to me or anyone else I love.

So I say give us the choice that Mary offers, you may well be glad of it some day. Care at home is like a dog – it's for life.

MF Dael

Hospital issue was a Question Time no-no

I applied for tickets for Dover Question Time online to the producers Mentorn.

I duly filled in a quite long questionaire saying I was prepared to join in discussion and tabled two questions, one of which was 'Does Dover need a proper hospital?'.

Having sent it off, I had second thoughts as to the question as they rarely give time to 'local' matters.

They also probably took fright as I had to declare my status as a retired television producer. Needless to say, I did not receive

any tickets, hence I was unable to

Jim Pople

We should have made more of the cameras

I thoroughly enjoyed watching Question Time from the town week or so ago and felt it put the

town in a good light.

However I would like to say – why was more not made of the TV

cameras turning up? Surely very many more local people would have loved the chance to take part but they didn't even know it was on. Is this standard practise when the show goes out to different places or were we singled out?

Lvdia Morris

Tories must answer for vanity web TV

As someone who has spent his working life in newspapers, I am saddened to see the tough times being suffered by the local

newspaper industry in this country. However, are readers aware of the threats to the local press caused not by the advertising recession but by publicly funded bodies?

I refer to the BBC and our very own Kent County Council.

The BBC wants to increase its local

news coverage on the web in direct competition to local news organisations which have been involved with their communities for years and always seek to give readers a voice. The corporation has been panned in recent years for incidents of 'politically correct, left-wing bias'

And here in Kent our own county council has spent more than £1 million of council tax payers' money on making its own – unsuccessful so far – web TV.

Now the Tory-controlled council looks set to spend another £400,000



FRFF PRFSS: David Cameron backs the local media

of our cash on this vanity project. Last week Conservative leader David Cameron assured the Newspaper Society a Conservative government would not allow the BBC to destroy the local press using money that everyone is forced to pay through the licence fee.

So why are his Conservative chums at County Hall carrying on with their own money-wasting project when their own leader can clearly see that a local free press, without political bias, is vital to this country?

I believe the county council has a lot of explaining to do

T Smith By email



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Bookings are now being taken for Christmas and the restaurant can cater for staff parties with a set lunch for £10.50 for a two-course meal or an evening three-course feast for £16.50.

Christmas lunch is available on the day itself with a five-course meal on offer for £24.95 and a New Year's Eve menu is priced at £29.95 with an Italian Christmas cake and champagne on offer at midnight.

But the restaurant is still continuing with its all-year-round highly popular dishes, which include excellent fish choices such as sea bass baked in the oven with salt accompanied by balsamic vinegar and vegetables

The chef is not afraid to experiment with his recipies and that is one reason that variety continues to be the spice of life at Don Giovanni.

The venue is open from noon to 2.30pm and 6.30pm to 10.30pm from Monday to Saturday.





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The restaurant has been open for just

seven months and has already gained an those who enjoy the flavours of the east.

Up to 20 people can be accommodated at the restaurant and staff are already gearing themselves up for the Christmas period when good customer service at this intimate venue is sure to see it packed.

is growing by the day as word of mouth confirms that it's the best Asian cooking

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The owners have been running the pub for six years and food is served from noon to Monday from



Saturday and from noon to 8pm on Sundays.

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The Oriental, Sandwich

Aromatic duck to start: Chinese crispy roast duck with cucumber, spring onion, steamed pancakes and hoi sin sauce. Main: peppered lamb, stir-fried lamb with black peppercorn, chilli, bamboo shoots and basil leaves. For dessert, go for deep-fried banana in rice paper, topped with honey and icecream. Phone: 01304 611033.

Don Giovanni, Folkestone

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GOOD FRIENDS: Some of the cast of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, below Emma Barton is a real honey as the pantomime's leading lady

Take a bite out of panto

Marlowe's final Christmas is sure to be a laugh

HEIGH ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go as the Marlowe's Christmas pantomime gets under way.

The spectacular show will be packed with family fun and an all-star cast as it brings the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs to life. With lots of laughs, great singing and dancing, stunning costumes, magical scenery and some fun audience participation, there should be plenty to keep people of all ages entertained.

The beautiful Snow White is played by Emma Barton, who played Honey Mitchell in Eastenders. Children's TV favourite Stephen Mulhern is back by popular demand as the cheeky Court Jester, while local legend Dave Lee will be picking up the ghost gag bench as Nurse Nellie.

Ben Roddy, whose stage credits include Deep Blue Sea, Pride and Prejudice and An Evening With Gary Lineker, will play Herman the Henchman. American actress Valerie Cutko will be bringing the Wicked Queen to life, while Kent's own Phil Holden will be appearing as one of the dwarfs. The dashing Prince Lorenzo is played by Richard Hurst, variety of stage, TV and music credits to his name.



SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Saturday November 29, to Sunday, January 18, Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

Produced by the same team that brought Aladdin to The Marlowe last year, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs tells a classic story about

betrayal, peril, friendship and love. Snow White was already a popular fairytale in many European countries when the Brothers Grimm made the German version famous. In 1937 Disney made what many consider to be the definitive version

ual names for the first time and creating what remains a favourite film with contemporary audiences more than 70 years later.

When a kindly queen hopes to have a beautiful daughter, her wish is granted and the child is named Snow White. But her mother dies and the king then marries a vain and spiteful woman. Every day the Wicked Queen asks her enchanted mirror Who is the fairest of them all?' and receives a satisfactory answer.

But one day the mirror tells her Snow White is now the fairest in all the land and in a jealous fury the Wicked Queen orders that her step-daughter be killed.

Unable to carry out the deed, a henchman releases Snow White into the forest, where she finds friendship with an unlikely band of characters –

Doc, Happy, Sneezy, Grumpy, Bashful, Sleepy and Dopey.
When the Wicked Queen discovers the deception, she sets out to kill Snow White herself. What will become of our heroine?
This will be the last Marlowe pan-

tomime before the theatre closes for redevelopment next year, so don't

miss this chance to enjoy the fun.

Tickets are priced from £9 to £21.50. To book, call 01227 787787, or visit www.marlowetheatre.com



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FESTIVE FUN

Saturday, November 29 Market Square and various venues, Dover



DOVER will be abuzz with entertainment and festive excitement as the Christmas lights are switched on this weekend.

Characters from Dick Whittington (pictured), this year's pantomime at Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall, will be among those helping to launch the season of good cheer. The fun starts at noon on Saturday, as a full programme of entertainment

gets under way.

The Just Unique Roadshow will be taking place in Market Square throughout the afternoon, presenting a wide variety of acts from Lindy Hop dancers to Christmas carol singers and comedy performances from the pantomime cast.

Students from Archers

Court School are due to be showcasing their Djemba drummers and samba band,

ment at other locations, from

dancing.

At 6pm the Mayor of Dover and Andy Hessenthaler, will perform the grand switch-on

www.dover town.co.uk.

DOVER LETSURE

Film quartet celebrates war heroes in our lives

THE everyday heroism in times of war and peace in Britain is explored in Finest Hour.

Four short film documentaries by

Four short film documentaries by Humphrey Jennings – Spare Time, Words for Battle, The Silent Village and Listen to Britain look at life in this country between 1939 and 1943.

The screening will be at St Georges Parish Hall in Deal on Friday. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £4 for children. To find out many place, 01204, 275523.

find out more, phone 01304 375533 or email interludes@btinternet.com.

Bring colour to glass at museum's family day

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Join in celebrations as town turns on the lights

SANDWICH will be lit up for the festive season with this weekend's illuminated

Season with this weekends indiffinated Christmas carnival.

The town's Christmas lights will be switched on from the Guildhall at 6.30pm on Friday, followed by a procession of floats and walkers around the

town centre and finishing at the quay.

The fun continues with a spectacular firework display, a funfair and a hog

Get yourself in a Jam with a Clash of styles

LEADING tribute act Heroes will be celebrating the best of new wave, mod and ska music this week.

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while Astor College presents a variety of dance styles.

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TRIUMPHING over adversity, The Holloways are back with more hit songs to fill indie dancefloors.

The band from north London had a great year in 2007, scoring hits with Generator and Two Left Feet, and earned a good deal of attention with their debut album, So This Is Great Britain? Fans flocked to see the upcoming stars perform at festivals such as Get Loaded in the Park and Glastonbury and, with a strong start behind them, the band headed to the famous Sawmills Studios to record their second album. But suddenly their meteoric careers came crashing back down to earth when their record company collapsed.

Not to be deterred, The Holloways pushed ahead, found a new label and now present a new EP, Sinners and Winners. The much-

new EP, Sinners and Winners. The much-anticipated second album, Tales From The Tarmac, is due to follow early next year. They will be supported by rising Kent band Underground Heroes, who have shared stages with the likes of The View, Kasabien, The Cribs and Kate Nash. Seven Story



Down, leading lights on the Kent indie scene,

will be opening the show.

Tickets cost £14.50. To book, phone 0844



CANTERBURY TALES

Thursday to Saturday, November 27-29 Theatre Royal Margate



STORIES of murder and mayhem are given a fresh twist in the Broadstairs Dickens Players' production of the Canterbury Tales.

Chaucer's much-loved yarns have been entertaining people since the 14th century with their romance, comedy, dastardly deeds,

and saucy young wenches.

In this light-hearted stage adaptation by Phil Woods and Michael Bogdanov, the tales are told in modern English rhyming couplets. They are accompanied by music of the era played on authentic instruments, helping to transport the audience back to the 1300s.

Characters from all walks of life tell their, sometimes bawdy, stories as they make their pilgrimage from London to Canterbury Cathedral. This stage version presents an accessible, non-academic version while still retaining the satire, humour and knockabout fun of the original stories.

The cast includes talented local actors such as Philip Shaw, Steve Todd, Jon Carr, Jo Slater and Janice Biggs. It is directed by Miranda Peacock.

Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £9 or £8 for school groups. To book, phone 0845 1301786 or 01227 787787.



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Yummy mummy

See how style guru Nicole gave Sunita a new look

YOUNG mum Sunita Ralh decided she needed to dump her T-shirt and jeans for a new glam look so we sent her along to Detail Style image studio to meet Nicole Pitt-Williams, a qualified fashion and image stylist.

Sunita was determined to find some alternatives that are simple to maintain as she juggles a hectic life as a full-time mum and beauty therapy student.

"But I still like to have fun with my girlfriends when I have the chance and I wanted Nicole to help me find the right look," she said.

Nicole to help me find the right look," she said.
First Nicole gave Sunita, 27, from
Folkestone, a colour consultation to find the
perfect hues to complement her skin tone, eye
and hair colour.

She explained: "I then moved on to the style consultation, which looks at the body as a

whole and works on proportions, camouflaging the parts we like to hide and highlighting the assets."

So it was off to New Look in Ashford, where they stock the fabulous Inspire range for sizes 18-26 and offer excellent value to fit Sunita's budget. Sunita said: "I'm

Sunita said: "I'm really happy with the result and now I'm looking forward to showing off my new looks. And





GIRL'S GOT STYLE: Casual (jeans, price £12; top, price £10; faux fur gillet, price £10) or smart (dress, price £25; shrug, price £12; bow shoes, price £20), Sunita has a new style for every occasion and has been transformed from her previous self, left

thanks to the colour swatch and a shopping guide, I'm now really lookiong forward to shopping alone."

Nicole aims during her consultations to

Nicole aims during her consultations to help people find out about styles that suit their body, colours that them perfectly and useful ways of saving money. So, as well as looking slimmer, younger,

So, as well as looking slimmer, younger, more professional and feeling more confident, Detail Style aims help you to shop smart too.

Prices for Nicole's help start from £25. But readers can have a free no obligation 30minute consultation, by calling Nicole on 01303 245028 or email her on Nicole@detailstyle.com.

And the first 15 readers to contact Nicole will receive a free 50 image Essential Style guide. Nicole will be running style workshops soon – the first will be held in Folkestone on

Saturday, December 6.

• Sunita had her hair restyled by Rachel at DIVA Hair

 Sunita had her hair restyled by Rachel at DIVA Hair Design, Hythe, 01303 266364
 Photographs were taken at The Grand, The Leas,



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into the store in Biggin Street, Dover, for

Bring some sparkle to your home with offer

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Ups and downs of that difficult second album

BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE long wait is finally over - Segainspired instrumental rockers Up C Down C have finally released their second album, Embers.

The Medway-based cult quartet - who took their name from the well-circulated Sonic the Hedgehog cheat Up C Down C Left C Right C ABC + Start - said they were relieved the three-year gap between debut and follow-up releases were over.

releases were over.

And the genre-dodging/defining post-rock instrumentalists told The Ether they were already looking ahead to album number three.

You can view the band's interview and exclus-

ive two-song set at www.yourkenttv.co.uk Guitarist Chris Garth said the Embers

release was a long time coming.

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He said: "The album's really old and has just been sat waiting to come out for over a year. To be honest, we're glad it's finally out there. "It took a while to put together as it's more of

a studio album than our debut and we messed around on it for a long time with Pro Tools.

"It's still fun to play songs off the album, but we want to work on newer stuff. We've already got newer, newer material and that's a lot more where we're at than this album.

"Because of that we want to follow the new album up with another one pretty soon." Chris went on to laud the booming music

scene in Medway, saying it provided the opportunity for bands to get to know one another bet-

He said: "There are loads of good, different bands in Kent, especially in Medway. Lots of



RELIEVED: Up C Down C have finally released their long-awaited second album and are already looking to start their third

people like Lupen Crook, Hospital Bombers, Let Our Enemies Beware and Sparrows. "It's kinda cool as we're friends with these bands and get to do gigs together and bond the

way men should."
Up C Down C played two London gigs in the space of two days this month.

They started in Fulham on Wednesday, November 12, then took to the stage at 93 Feet East, Brick Lane, the following night.

To watch the band perform on The Ether, visit

www.yourkenttv.co.uk and search for Up C.
For more information on the band, visit www.upcdownc.com.

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- 2. D-FiNiTiVE Space (from Tenterden)
- 3. Kayley Weller Tonight is going to be our night (from Deal)
- 4. Ron Bowdery The Ghostship in sea mist (from New Eltham)
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RUDE TUBE E4, 10pm, Wednesday A QUESTION OF SPORT BBC One, 7.30pm, Friday

BY TOM BETTS

THOSE of you who are not internet-crazy but still interested in what is going on online may want to check out Rude Tube, E4's window into the best of what video-hosting sites like YouTube have to offer.

What's good about this show is that, due to the rapidly evolving nature of the World Wide Web, there's so much to choose from that even the most

ardent surfer will miss some things.

As well as steering the way to an occasional classic (that guy who danced his silly dance in ever more exotic locations around the globe), there are pointers to those less wellknown clips, the little gems that may have passed you by.

From the man who took a picture of

himself every day for six years, to Alanis Morisette's unique take on the Black Eyed Peas hit My Lumps, the choice is almost infinite.

While Rude Tube is not a show to slap in your diary, as half an hour of escapism and a look at the weird and wonderful world of the web, it delivers quite nicely.

A Question of Sport is a funny old animal these days, is it not?

When I was a lad, just knee-high to Emlyn Hughes's shinpads or Bill Beaumont's rugby socks, this was a solid bit of family viewing with a

winning formula.

Picture Board, What Happened Next, oh, and who's that dressed as a milkman in the Mystery Guest round.. Linford Christie or Martin Offiah?



WRONG ANSWER: Question of Sport captains Dawson (left) and Tufnell are not up to scratch

You could set your watch by the formula, it was like a reliable family friend similar to the man with the deep voice who announces the football scores.

It's all gone to pot these days, though, and now seems to be more of a personality contest than a sports quiz. Main offenders are Phil Tufnell and

the easy-to-despise Matt Dawson, show-off extraordinaire and possibly the cockiest man on the box right now.
The most amusing part of the show

these days is trying to keep track of the never-ending amount of hand-shakes handed out by Tuffers (seriously, try... it's almost mesmeric).

Not content with ruining this classic, for some strange reason the Beeb has even started to repeat this one on Monday nights, while we have to wait for original programming, the rather good Inside Sport.

It's not A Question of Sport, and furthermore it's not cricket either.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRAN



use the cash wisely. To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Aqui

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) AN irresistible sexual attraction could throw life off kilter. This was the last thing you were expecting. If you're already in a relationship, you need to decide whether you're going to stay with your partner or break ties altogether. Resist the temptation to take the middle road.

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DISCOVERING a hidden talent feels as though you've found a sixth sense. All of a sudden you appreciate life on levels you never dreamed possible. This creative turn will put you on the path to romance. If you have a lover, it will feel as though you've embarked on a second honeymoon. . To find out more about what the stars have in

store call Russell on Leo 09067-531756

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) ADDITIONAL income could come your way. At long last, you'll be able to afford the luxuries you've always wanted. Be willing to tell a neighbour or sibling the painful truth. In time, they will thank you for your honesty and your reputation for good advice will blossom.

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store call Russell on Scorpio 09067-531759

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) YOU'RE in demand thanks to your ability to deal with people from all walks of life makes. Most of your time will be spent working behind the scenes and vou'd rather work in private than have someone looking over your shoulder. Your new

role will give you a fresh status. . To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Pisces 09067-531763

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) MAKING a serious commitment will result in a tremendous change. Operating as part of a team will change the way you view yourself. At long last, you realise you can't handle all of this responsibility by yourself. Leaning on someone who has your best interests at heart will be a relief. · To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Gemini 09067-531754

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23) MOVING home is looking likely and it will be a great move for you, even if it means leaving friends and family behind. Being in new surroundings will force you to acquire skills you'd otherwise avoid like becom-

ing a fully fledged artist or cre-• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Virgo 09067-531757

ative thinker.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov23-Dec21) YOU'RE sure a bright idea will be well received and you're right. Your fiscal fortunes will dramatically improve as a result of sharing your knowledge, skill or expertise because people are eager to learn what you have to teach. Personally, a relationship will take on a lighter note. • To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on Sagittarius 09067-531760

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) YOU'RE starting to realise it's necessary to leave your usual surroundings to make a personal discovery. Getting in touch with your needs may prompt you to embark on a new career path. It will be much easier to command authority and respect when you have a better sense of who you are.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) THIS week brings you the determination and drive to take better care of yourself. Losing weight, eating better, and getting enough sleep makes you look years younger. Job opportunities related to travel, publishing, and education need to be checked out.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct23) PICKING up new know-ledge will be an exciting turning point for you. Big change look likely at home as well. You may have to stand up for what you believe to be right and part ways with a relative who has upset you in some way. Your self assertive stance will give you confidence.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20) BREAKING a bad habit or overcoming a pessimistic attitude will liberate you physically and spiritually. As a result, you'll be able to assert yourself with renewed strength and vigour. Putting an end to out-moded relationships gives you more time to do what you love.
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ACROSS

- 1 Jo is citing problem of being patriotic (10)
- 6 Boat from Cowes (not East) (4)
- 9 Army chief encountered heavenly body (5)
- 10 Still in tropical monsoon! (4)
- 11 In error I ask for drink (4)
- 13 Patient female attendants? (6-2-7)
- 14 Brightness in arcade flickering (8)
- 16 Opinion needed when one is divided by 506 (6)
- 18 Disc that is hanging loosely? (6)
- 19 Cold part of the motorway? (8)
- 22 Ten Commandments (9,6)
- 24 It depends on the listener (4)
- 25 Branch member (4)
- 26 Be removing exits (5)
- 27 Joke, one that's fatuous (4)
- 28 Unwilling, so to speak, to include first road, road in USA

DOWN

- 1 Knave visual and humorous (7)
- 2 No crazy wanderer (5)
- **3** Behaving violently above the slope long time afterwards (2,3,7)
- 4 Brief cuts in CC transferred (8)
- **5** They are legally related (2-4)
- 7 Has been made more understandable now it has been purified (9)
- 8 Endless worm squirm (7)
- 12 Parts of a deeris rump? (12)
- 15 Scrawl 'insect' on the bomb (9)
- 17 Charlie exchanged blue garment (8)
- 18 Gore elf spilt on front 25 across! (7)
- 20 Prize small flower (7) 21 Pocket charge for medicine (6)
- 23 Lady, one going before Beth (5)

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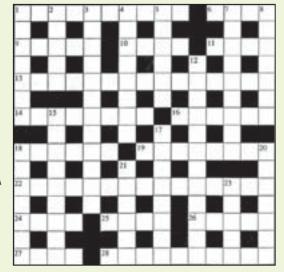
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ACROSS

- 1 With strict walking pace (4,3,3) 6 Blackleg (4)
- **9** Crash (5)
- 10 Mechanical procedure (4)
- 11 Disadvantage (4)
- 13 One in the same vehicle (6-9)
- 14 Legislator (8) 16 Rhododendron-like plant (6)
- **18** Senility (6) **19** Throbbed (8)
- 22 Not a warm welcome (6,9)
- 24 Straight line (4)
- **25** Jazz dance (4)
- **26** Dismay (5) 27 Act silently (4)
- **28** Type of egg (4-6)

HARD

DOWN

- 1 Optimistic (7)
- 2 Electronic post (5)
- 3 Perfectly balanced (2,4,2,4)
- 4 Rodeo hat (anag.), lady's name (8)
- **5** Bandit (6)
- 7 Illuminated with wax cylinders (9)
- 8 Irish interjection (7)
- 12 Voice higher than contralto (5-7)
- 15 Amusing remark (9)
- **17** Speediest (8)
- **18** Harangue (7)
- 20 Hung freely (7)
- 21 Twelfth Night character (6)
- 23 Drive forward (5)

CRYPTIC SOLUTION No63

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From maverick author Chuck Palahniuk (Fight Club) and new writer-director Clark Gregg comes the subversively comedic tale of Victor Mancini, con artist, sex addict, colonial village re-enactor, angst-filled son, serial restaurant choker ... and unsuspecting romantic antihero for our unsettling times

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Based on the video game, Max Payne tells the story of a maverick cop determined to track down those responsible for the brutal murder of his family and partner. Hell-bent on revenge, his obsessive investigation takes him on a nightmare journey into a dark underworld.

Leo on the party line

BY KATE WHITING

LEONARDO DiCaprio has come a long way from being the 23-year-old heartthrob who sparked teenage mania in the blockbusting tearjerker Titanic.

Ten years on he still has the same youthful good looks, which today are partially covered with a little beard, and he still draws a screaming crowd to premieres, but he's a far more serious actor.

He campaigns about the environment, is politically outspoken and chooses his roles carefully.

When we meet to discuss his latest film, Body Of Lies, at a swish London hotel, it's just days after Barack Obama's historic US presidential election victory and DiCaprio is clearly thrilled.

'I was in Rome [on election day]. I stayed up all night and watched the results come in and it was an overwhelming, resounding victory for our fantastic new president. I

couldn't be more excited," he says.

Appropriately, Body Of Lies deals with the very real ramifica-tions of the outgoing President George W Bush's 'war on terror' in the Middle East.

DiCaprio plays Roger Ferris, a CIA agent on the ground, spying on terrorist cells, while a fattenedup Russell Crowe plays Ed Hoffman, who plans Ferris' operations from his laptop back home in the USA.

The 34-year-old said: "In a turbulent time like this, when the US is occupying the Middle East, here you have a highly trained CIA operative who's very effective at what he does, he's forged valuable relationships in the Middle East but he's not looking for that



YOUR CALL: Leonardo DiCaprio plays CIA agent Roger Ferris in Body of Lies

quick fix, the appearance of victory, he's looking for long-term solu-tions and he's trying to respect the culture and reach a positive result. Meanwhile his country is constantly undermining him and usurping his intelligence and I feel like my character was operating in a higher moral context than his country would like him to, and that's fascinating for me.

"He also goes on a long journey where he isn't beholden to any country or idealistic thought or political regime, and he doesn't

necessarily believe in the war. What a great character to be able to play, certainly at a time like You could almost believe that

DiCaprio was talking about himself or the new US administra-"There's a lot of differences

between the old administration and the new one," he says.
"Obama's been very vocal about

wanting to stop the war in the Middle East and the American people have spoken in droves

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about that as well. What's been beautiful for me, going on this film tour, is to see how supportive the rest of the world has been

about Obama winning.
"It's really a special time in my life to watch this historic event and it's been more profound that I ever imagined."

In January, DiCaprio will team up with Titanic co-star Kate Winslet again in the Oscar-tipped Revolutionary Road, directed by Winslet's husband, Sam Mendes.

But rather than recapturing the star-crossed lovers on the doomed ship, DiCaprio and Winslet play a young couple in 1950s America, struggling to make their relation-

ship work.
"She's one of my best friends and we've been in communication a lot since Titanic. This project sort of came out of nowhere, it was one she had secretly been devel-

oping," he explains.
"We both knew the territory
very well and all the stuff that would come with us working together again, but this was a unique piece of material. For a relationship movie, this was diametrically opposed to what we had done before."



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Take the big ship to Dunkirk

BY GARY WRIGHT

WE'RE pretty lucky here in Kent: we can genuinely boast some beautiful countryside, some great restaurants and decent days out.

All in all it's a good place to live.

And when we want to get away for a few days, we are surely the best-placed in Britain: Europe is just 22 miles away.

I never understand why people subject themselves to a day driving to Devon or Cornwall only to face endless jams and overpriced food.

Heading across the Channel has always seemed the better option to me.

Two hours on a ferry and you are in a charm-

ing foreign country and, if the mood takes you, you can be in a Mediterranean café in less time than it takes you to drive to a Cornish

beach in summer.

And for a short break, France has always offered the people of Kent a lot.

I'd forgotten what Dunkirk was like. It's right on our doorstep, really, but over the years I have missed it because I've either turned right at the port heading for Le Touquet or Normandy, or if I have turned left I've generally been heading for Germany or farther east.

NorfolkLine ferries out of Dover will take you to Dunkirk port in two hours for just £19

if you choose your time right.

Well, the port's not actually in Dunkirk; the town's another 11km east, but don't miss the charming little town of Gravelines, which is actually much closer and definitely worth a visit.

A walled town surrounded by canals, it has markets twice a week, pretty architecture and my meal in Le Harlequin restaurant near the seafront ranks in my top ten seafood meals...

Dunkirk, though, is a bustling town which still feels prosperous and balances nicely its



HISTORIC PORT: The Duchesse Anne, one of the Musee Portuaire attractions in Dunkirk

historic past and industrial present with the shopping and restaurants that are demanded

After a few days in France the only thing I ever miss is a decent cup of tea, so I was pleasantly surprised to find a really lovely tearoom, La Palmeraie.

It's decorated with an African jungle theme, tucked away just off the main shopping centre, and it is popular with locals of all ages who popped for a cup of Darjeeling or Earl Grey (or about a dozen other types), along with a crêpe

or gaufre (a pancake or waffle respectively).

Dunkirk has a lot of history. Founded in the 8th century, it is still France's third most important port (and, I learned, the very last city to be liberated in 1945).

Damn, I was determined not to mention 1940, Operation Dynamo or the Little Ships, so I won't - but be assured the town has not

forgotten.

History goes back way before the wars, though, so look out for Jean Bart. You won't miss him, there's a huge statue in the centre of town.

Part private pirate and part French naval man, during the late 1600s Dunkirk's most celebrated son saved Paris from starvation and gave the British Navy a kicking at sea, too.
An interesting chap,

as I discovered to my delight, at the Musée Portuaire (picture left).

I'm not a big fan of museums, but I was genuinely pleased I popped in Alongside a look at the dockworkers' lives over the years in Dunkirk, and a summary of the aforementioned

Bart's successes, there is a special exhibition until January: The Story of the Liner.

Dunkirk made 11 between 1914 and 1966 and the museum shows models with mock-up cabins and uniforms. But the jewel for me is the 24-minute colour promotional film from 1953. A true insight into the time, complete with period racial stereotyping and everyone smoked (well, they were French).

Nowadays smoking indoors is banned and the social character of France has changed slightly. But for a couple of days, the town offers a convenient taste of France on our

doorstep.
• We would like to thank the tourism offices in Dunkirk and Gravelines and Norfolkline Ferries (0844 8475042 or www.Norfolkline.com) for



MALO les BAINS: Where holidaymakers head in Dunkirk for the summer

FACT FILE: FRANCE

Time difference UK plus 1 hr **Capital** Paris **Population** 60.7 million Language French **Climate** North, as UK Religion Catholic Currency Euro (1.17 approx to £1)

Travel details

There are several themed short-break programmes for stays in Dunkirk and the French Flanders region. through the Office de Tourisme Dunkerque Dunes de Flandre region.

Breaks include a Discovery Weekend from 69 euros to discover the maritime and wartime history of Dunkerque: includes a pass to its museums, a port tour, free public transport and shopping coupons. From 69 euros per person (two people sharing a double room); you can have one night B&B in a two-star hotel, dinner and a tourist pass. Other breaks include the Dunkirk Gourmet Weekend from 99 euros per person.

Discovering the fortifications of Gravelines and its history costs from 91 euros per person (based on two people sharing). One night at a bed-andbreakfast or hotel, gourmet dinner, museum entry, a canal tour and audioquide of the walled town.

For more information you can visit www. flandrecotedopale.com or email dunkerque@ flandrecotedopale.com. Phone the Office de Tourisme de Dunkerque Dunes de Flandre on 00 333 28 26 27 89.



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I LOVE FOOTBALL
Fun to be with blonde female, 25, 5ft2, loves football(!), going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man to be my soulmate. Box 446494

MAYBE MORE

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Seeking fun, friendship, maybe more. WLTM fun man 25-30. I'm female, 26, brown hair/blue eyes and of average build. Box 445622

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Caring, Ioving, affectionate female, 30, 52°, blonde, likes walking, horse friding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30–40. for lasting, loving relationship. Box 394013 ©
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PASSION & ADVENTURE!
Separated brilliant brunette, 39, single mum, 5ff7, likes swimming and
house music, WLTM a kind and considerate tall whith male with dark
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hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking
for a kind, caring, loyal male Box
431557 ②

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Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge
Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTM slim, single, solvent, professional white male
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Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5ft5, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks, WLTM a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box

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having a laugh, good company,
friendship, would like to meet new
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44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things iffe, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

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Karen, 46, 5ft3, medium build, likes

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Karen, 46, SiR, medium build, likes keeping lit, getting out and about, travelling and an ince bottle of wine. WLTM light-hearded male for a LTR. Box 445/45 ©

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Beautiful black female, 46, WLTM a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-60, Siftle), prel a bit sportly, for a everlasting relationship. Tunbridge Wells Box 4450/7 ©

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New to this, I'm a 53yr old woman, seeking loving, tactile man. I enjoy walks, countryside, having fun, nights in and out. Box 446282

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young 56, 57", blonde, curvy, looking
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OUT THERE?
Lonely lady, 62, 5ft3, medium build, brown hairfeyes, likes dancing, walks, animal, seeks caring, considerate, outgoing male for friendship leading to LTR. Box 446382 **①**

THE GOLDEN YEARS Blonde female 62yr old, divorced, slim, enjoys walks and trips to the seaside, WLTM a male, 59-64, for a

loving companionship. Kent area only please. Box 442443

A GENUINE
GENTLEMAN SOUGHT Fun-loving active widow, 69, 5ft2, medium build, likes walking, garden ing, music, animals, cosy nights in, the odd dance! seeking genuine male for friendship, maybe more. Rochester. Box 884953 **①**

Women seeking women

FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE
Curvy bi female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully
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Szyrs, 5ft6, blonde, size 12 enjoys good food/wine, theatre, countryside, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine female, for friendship first, possibly relationship Box 414143

relationship Box 414143 **①**LOVELY JO
Young-looking attractive female, 54, N/S, friendly and sociable, love music, dance and history, warm and sparkly, WLTM a genuine female for a close female friendship. Box 445146 **①**

FUN AND CUDDLY
42yr old male, 547, blue eyes, enjoys
cinema, walking, swimming and cosy
nights in, seeking a damsel to rescue
and be happy with. East Sussex Box
443933 ©
LOVE ME DO
Carino and loving male, 43 average

looks, self-employed, enjoys wild life, sci-fi and gardening, WLTM a petite female, 30-50, for a LTR. Box 444063

SOULMATE SOUGHT

Isating relationship. Box 445551 ♥
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Devoted dad, 43, blonde hair, blue
yes, 61ft, likes travelling, spriftualsim, meals in/out, seeking female
with GSOH for fun times and hopefulymuch more. Box 446477 ●
DAD'S THE WORD
Lonely single male, 44, 612, fair hair,
great SOH, quide happy but looking
for a lady 30-80 to have fun with and
hopefully something else. Box
446452 ●
A NICE GUY
Hello, I'm Jim, 61t, 54, interests
include; eating out, cinema and swimming, WLTM a lady with similar interests and GSOH Eox 446560 ●
DOWN TO MARGATE!

CRAZY FOR YOU
Sex, athletic, red haired man, 32,
51rt 0, green eyes, looking for a seriout of the red man, 32,
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party. Box 884979

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33yr old fun-loving lad, WLTM somepe heautiful and intelligent to sween 33yr old fun-loving lad, WLTM some-one beautiful and intelligent to sweep from her feet and fall in love with. Box 446369 TAKING IT EASY

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Outgoing, confident guy, 39, 6ft, tanned, athletic build, brown eyes, shaved head, loves going out/staying and music, laid-back attitude seeking like-minided lady. Box 151143
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Down-Zearth, caring, loving male, 31, 64*, dark hairjeves, likes sports, drinks out, cinema, meals out, looking for tune, assygoing fermale, 20-45, for lassing love. Box 37046

WORKING OVERTIME
Self-employed male, 37, 545 and 37, 545 an

Young-looking male, 38, 5ft9, dark hair, blue eyes, good-looking, no ties, a carpenter, likes the outdoors, seeks lady to sail off and find love with. Box 444937

R U 4 ME?

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR
Outgoing young-minded male, 47, a
smoker, likes war games, books, ornem, castles, Pol, seeking similar
woman to boogle on the dancefloor
with. Box 445730 ①
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to be my girl. Box 446211 ACCOMPANY ME Tonbridge guy, 42, 5fl6, brown hair/green eyes. I'm honest and loyal and I'm looking for the same in a woman. Box 445200 MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS! Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back, I'm 41, 5ft9, medium/stocky, brown hair. Own business/home,

ASHFORD MAN
Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back, I'm 41, 5ft9, medium/stocky build, brown hair. Own business and home, enjoys walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 437225 ♥
SILVER SERVICE!

SILVER SERVICE: Caring, understanding, not bad-look-ing, romantic male, 42, grey-silver hair, stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights in, seeks female, for romance, possible more. Box 157789 **●**

female, 30-50, for a LIK. DUA 44-DON'T FORGET In SUBJECT HI, I'm Steve, 40's, 6ft2, muscular build, likes pubs/clubs and sport, WLTM a female, 40-46, for an ever-

DOWN TO MARGATE!

Young-looking, sim male, 4yr old,
5ft10, enjoys beach walks and oinema, WLTN a mature lady for a committed long term relationship, Margate
Box 441706 ©
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I'm a decent, hardworking lony driver,
mid 40s, not your average as I still
ove to enjoy life, see new places &
meet interesting people! Box 445492 ©

meet interesting people! Box 4

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Slim male, 44, blue eyes, fair hair,
GSOH, very romantic, caring and
loyal, WLTM a temale with similar
interests for a ITR. Hastings area.
Box 446120 ₱
THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE
Genuine honesd guy, 45, looking for a loutinate.
Box 446432 ₱
WHY WAIT?
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stocky bulid, 510°5, smoker, single
dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a
LTR. Hailsham. Box 409782 ₱
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Attractive healthy honest, adventurous male, 48, tall, black, 611, caring,
supportive, love eating out, drink
socially, seeking caring, furr-loving
tally to winefatine. Box 446411 @
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Outpoing male, 48, 51ff, slim, WLTM
a fur female, without hang ups or
complications, to make life complete
and settle down with. Box 445962

THE REAL THING
Down-to-earth genuine person, 50, 5t10, of not bad looks, caring, honest, and lots of love to give, seeks fun girl to be with. Brighton. Box 884844 © ALL ROMANCE
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Romantic, strong male, 50, nonsmoking, I love travel, the coast cinema/theatre, restaurant. Looking for love and laughrer with lovely lady.
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WHO KNOWS?
Loyal 51yr old guy, blue eyes, 6ft3,
like oinema and nights out, seeks a similar female to spend time with and see what happens. Box 446516 0
ROMANTIC AT HEART
Fun to be with male, 51, medium build, greyish hair, like giorig out and staying in, watching limis, beach walks, VLTM like-minded, loving lady, Box 58932? 0
CATCH OF THE DAY.

Nice genuine gentleman, 52, 5ft11, medium build, short hair, likes walking, fishing, gardening; looking to find temale with GSOH and similar interests. Box 446488 ©
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Professional male, 50s, tall, slim, N/S, likes live music, eating in an out, walking, WLTM slim female, to share interests together

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Stitingbourne Box 186656
GETTING TO KNOW YOU
James, 55, tall and slim, like the outdoors, eating out, talking and listening, seeking a like-minded woman to
spend some time with. Box 446539

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Young 56yr old, looking for female to share dinner, quiet evenings and more with, perhaps something special in time. Box 446536

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Professional male, 50s, likes live
music, eating in and out, WLTM slim
female, to share interests together.
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TAKING OUR TIME

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Homely gent, 65, 6ft, non smoker,
likes gardening, fishing, antiques,
seeks attractive, slim, curvaceous
lady 60-85 for company to pubs,
walks, and more in time.Eastbourne.
Box 446454 Q
YOUTH & BEAUTY
Good looking male, 68, 5ft8, medium
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Good looking male, 68, 5ft8, medium build, dark hair, likes pubs, living life to full; WLTM similar young-minded female for companionship and more Box 446458
WORD FOR WORD Easy-going, affectionate, Ashford man, 68, enjoys music, walking, cosy nights in, seeking an attractive lady, for genuine companionship. Box 422246

Men seeking men

A DRINK AND A HUG...
I'm 26, 5ft9, brown hair, green eyes, medium build, a happy person who likes having lots of tun, restaurants, pubs, clubbing, WLTM similar loving man. Box 886623

● man. Box 886623 **U**FUN TIMES
35yr old male, looking for fun with an attractive man. I'm good looking, with a slim/medium build. Box 437652 **①**

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THE MUSCLE?
Spritely fit and strong guy, 68, fair
hair/complexion, blue eyes, 5f8, well
built, enjoys walking, cycling, cinema,
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PROPERTY NEWS

Tenants can look beyond social sector'

HOUSING minister Margaret Beckett has distanced herself from reports that the Government is considering scrap-ping lifetime social tenancies, but she has said she would like to see people try to move into the private sector.

Speaking at a seminar organised by

The Smith Institute think tank, Mrs Beckett described the housing reform green paper on social housing as "very much a work in progress".

She said: "I've made no decision, and nor has any minister, on the content and timing of the green paper.
"We've made substantial improve-

ments to the housing stock, [but] we've not been nearly so good in investing in people who are living in these homes."

And Mrs Beckett indicated that she wanted to encourage social tenants or would-be social tenants to look beyond social housing to the private sector.

"If people could find greater stability

and security in the private rented sector, or could take advantage of low-cost home ownership, then maybe fewer would think social housing was their only option," she said.

Charity alarmed by economic distress

EIGHTY per cent of those who took part in a recent survey want the Government to be more active in helping homeowners at risk of having their homes repos sessed to combat the risk of people being forced on to the streets this winter. The poll, for homeless

charity St Mungo's, also found 52 per cent of Britons are concerned about their financial situation and more are now cutting down their spending on gas, electricity, heating and food.

"We are witnessing a AT RISK: Winter downturn in the econoon the streets my that is being felt at

all levels of society," said St Mungo's chief executive Charles Fraser.

"The Government needs to act quickly if we are to avoid a sharp increase of rough sleepers on the streets.'



A real hammering

THE economic situation could mean a new approach for professionals selling homes, according to

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says the business of typical 'old-style' estate agents has hit a 30-year low, selling an average of just one home a week.

Property auctions have usually been regard-

ed as a surefire way of getting rid of homes that are difficult to shift, but one last month involved 74 lots of homes and land - and received just three bids and no sales.

While some vendors are now adopting unusual tactics, from staging raffles to throw-ing in free cars or holidays with their homes, a few pioneering estate agents are considering

revolutionising the way they sell properties.

Lauristons estate agency is now charging a £999 flat fee for selling a home instead of the

BY NICK AMES

two per cent to three per cent charged by most of its high street rivals, saving prospective sellers of average priced properties as much as

£8,000.
"The market's changing and the current economic climate means it probably won't be the same in the future," warned the firm's sales and marketing director, Steve Truman.

Thornley Groves, a traditional estate agency chain, has bought 25 per cent of Brightsale, a

pioneering online estate agency.

Brightsale has no physical 'branch'. Its trained negotiators instead advise sellers on how to handle buyers, and will arrange floor plans, photographs and brochures. The fee, if a home sells, is 0.5 per cent, or only a sixth of the levy by many conventional agents.
"We'd been searching for a way to bring

estate agencies into the 21st century. Clients love what we do but in the internet era they expect more." said Thornley Groves' managing director, Michael Groves.

"Estate agencies have a long way to go to harness the power of the internet for the benefit of their customers."

Two other estate agents are trying a different idea – swapping houses. Lynn Thompson and Chris Tinsley run separate agencies but have joined forces to try to 'match' sellers, who are encouraged to swap properties of equal value, or trade up or down and pay the differ-

While some of these pioneering efforts may fall by the wayside when the housing market picks up – business consultancies and agents themselves suggest 2010 as the earliest date that will happen – at least a few of these schemes may last long enough to become mainstream as house selling changes.

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MOTORS NEWS



Hyundai and Kia soar to join top five carmakers

magazine has named Hyundai-Kia as its Automotive Manufacturer of the Year at its annual award ceremony in London.

award ceremony in London.

Citing the Korean giant's "mind-blowing" ambition, editor Chas Hallet presented the title to Mr Nam-Yong Kim, president of Hyundai-Kia's European research

and development centre in Germany. Hallett said: "When the irrepressible Hyundai-Kia group started talking, just a few years ago, about wanting to become the world's fifth largest car company behind Toyota, GM, Ford and Audi-VW, many of us were sceptical.

"Then the Korean group got serious. They hatched a plan to assemble a European design and engineering team to conceive a range of models for Europe." The product of a merger in 1998, Hyundai-Kia currently dominate the

Korean domestic car market with an 80 per cent share and this year became the world's fifth largest car-maker according to Automotive News in the US.



Asda sparks price war by cutting petrol costs

SUPERMARKET giant Asda has reignited the fuel price war by lowering its petrol prices to 90.9p per litre. It is Asda's tenth consecutive cut since July and brings prices to their lowest level since April 2007. The price of diesel has been reduced to 105.9p. are litre. has been reduced to 105.9p per litre.
With the price of crude oil continuing

to fall, other retailers will be under pressure to follow Asda's lead.

The price of a barrel has dropped to barely 50 US dollars (£33), from almost \$150 (£100) in early July.

Car giants beg for cash

THE three biggest US carmakers have pleaded with Congress for a \$25 billion lifeline to save their once-proud compa-

"Our industry... a bridge to span the financial chasm that has opened up before us," said General Motors' chief Rick Wagoner.

Chrysler chief Robert Nardelli, added that a bailout would be "the least costly alternative" when compared with damage from bankruptcy.

But Republican Senators argues that

"inefficient production" and "costly labour agreements" have put the US carmakers at a disadvantage against foreign rivals.



A BRIGHT FUTURE: Instead of dithering with a facelift of the 2002 Fiesta, Ford has competely restyled its latest creation with a coupé roofline and excellent handling

Ford changes into top gear with new Fiesta

HAVING done more than anyone to make the supermini popular in the UK after launching the original Fiesta in 1976, Ford then rested on its laurels.

The company will say the newly-launched replacement is the 'Mark VII', but it is really only the fourth generation.

Ford has turned Fiesta facelifts into an art. form and even managed to spin-off the guts of one version to create the underpinnings of the original Ka. You just have to admire such salesmanship and nerve, though it helps when you are market leader and have a vice-like grip on the fleet sector.

But times are changing: the nation wants to downsize and cut costs and emissions while Ford would like to ease out of the cut-throat business sector, move upmarket and woo private buyers.

The US car giant is also looking outside the Fiesta's traditional UK and Europe stronghold, to create a global supermini with all the consequent economies of scale.

So, instead of dithering with a facelift of the

FORD FIESTA

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Green rating	****

then all-new - but not especially loved - 2002 Fiesta, Ford has gone for another fresh start. And it's an impressive one.

Physically, the car is the same scale as before, rather than a 'super-supermini' like the Peugeot 207 and Renault Clio, perhaps to protect sales of the bigger Focus.

Nevertheless, I thought the knee room good,

though lofty passengers will just have to lump it, for the terrific coupé roofline common to both

out styles.

Styling inside is typically well-arranged and quality and durability is top-notch, but the drive clinches the deal for me; a well-judged balance between typically sharp handling and ride, light yet responsive steering and a terrific gearshift.

It is a tough call deciding the engine though. I like the all-round competence of the 1.4 TDCi diesel, but the frugal road tax-exempt/low emission 1.6TDCi diesel ECOnetic is due in January.
Then again, do not ignore the petrol models;

they are so quiet and frugal that they could be your best buy if petrol versus diesel pump prices still diverge and your mileages are only

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

BABY HOT HATCHES



IT'S not just owners of family cars who are having to downsize their ambitions under pressure from rising fuel costs and road tax performance car owners are also having to get real. Their answer can be found in the buoyant secondhand market for supermini hot hatchbacks like the three little scorchers featured here. No, your insurance premiums won't be a lot better, but you will save on fuel and tax and driving enjoyment could be even higher than before, even if some creature and ride comfort is sacrificed.

FORD FIESTA ST



FORD has been one of the champions of hot hatches over the years with its XR and recent ST versions of standard models. The Fiesta ST upholds the tradition in terms of pace and handling even if it can be noisy and ride comfort is primitive. Power comes from a feisty 148bhp 2.0-litre engine so the lowered stance and styling add-ons do not flatter to deceive but, as when new the Fiesta is not the cheapest contender on the market.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
Space	****
Value	****
Running costs	****
Reliability	****
Quality	****

MITSUBISHI COLT CZT



SOMETHING of an unsung hero, this turbocharged 150bhp 1.5litre three-door supermini delivers a lot of bangs for your bucks and withstands the potential thrashing hot hatchbacks can be exposed to. 'Mitsi' has made a good job of ensuring the car's extra urge is delivered progressively and when you want it, although the driving experience is not one of the best. The car is well made though and spacious and imaginatively trimmed inside.

STAR QUALITY

SEAT IBIZA CUPRA



SEAT is the affordable performance brand in the VW Group, with its FR and Cupra versions of standard cars epitomising that label and winning big sales. The Ibiza Cupra is one of the stars and usually seen in bright yellow and red; something of trademark in a market where most cars have a metallic paint job. Diesel and petrol versions are offered and share pin sharp handling and a decent ride quality - not always compatible in a small hot hatch.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	****
Looks and image	****
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AUDI

A4, 1.9tdi 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, blenhiem silver with black leather blenhiem silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin Jame Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 1.6i Saloon 4d 1596cc, 1316hmo, mot---11/04/08 good runner, green, miles, £695.00, DCD Autos, ASHFORD, 01233 642211

7 SERIES, 745i auto, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CADILLAC

CTS, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin Jame: Cars. Kent. 01795426700 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, LTX 2.0, gk08orw, finished in denim blue with black interior in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CITROEN

CITROEN ZSARA, 1.6 green, taxed August 09, Mot February 09. Very good condition, £1,200. Medway 01634 574760 (PRIVATE)

CITROEN BERLINGO 800, 04 2005 ite pas 43.000 miles fsh lined, £3995, Beaver Commercia Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i 16V Cachet 5dr, 2008, 1.4i 16v cachet 5dr hatch special edition arctic steel, 1000 miles, £8995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i 16V Cachet 5dr, 2008, 1.4i 16v cachet 5dr hatch special edition blue, 6000 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C3. 1.4i Rhythm 5dr. 2008. 1.4 rhythm 5dr hatch, silver, 6000 miles, £8995, Barretts Citroen, Canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

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MAREA, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

FORD

FORD KA VAN, 10 2003, 1.3 petrol ex bt 28 000 miles feb white sold with rac warranty, £2350, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Flame, 2005, moondust silver, 33939 miles, £5995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Style 5dr Auto (2005 -). 22/03/2006, cd player driver airbag power steering heated seats, silver, 13441 miles, £6000, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec 5dr, ak08rwp, air conditioning, alloy wheels, side airbags, radio/cd. insurance group:7, blue, 22 miles, £11990, SMC Ford Crayford, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

(12/09/2006, electric windows, si 22613 miles, £6500, Invicta Moto Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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FIESTA. 1.4 Ghia 3dr (2005 -).

GALAXY, Ghia (2007.75) 5-Dr MPV 2.0 TDCi 140PS (-), 01/09/2007, grey, 16381 miles, £16999, Invicta grey, 16381 miles, £16999, Invic Motors, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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GETZ, CDX 5dr. cv08avc. blue. 3000 miles, £7995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

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GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 180000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0 CRDI GS 5dr, gl07jwp, air-conditioning, abs + ebd, air, cd player. insurance group:10, red, 17900 miles, £9994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 Sittingbourne, Sit 429802 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.1 Chill, 2008, metallic black, miles, £6995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SORENTO, XS 2.5, gl06vcx, finished in blue with interior, blue, 16000 miles, £9985, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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FREELANDER, 1998, met green with beiae, 91644 miles, £3250, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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C CLASS, C180k Avantgarde SE, 4763314. allov wheels, cubanite 4763314, alloy wheels, cubanite silver, 14000 miles, £17995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

MGF, MG TF LE500 Special Edition 135, 58, petrol, orange, 10 miles, £16398, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

COOPER S, 1.6 3 DR, 2002, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, blue, 42000 miles, £9395, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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COLT, 1.5 Sport, 2004, black, miles, £6995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

I-CAR, 5dr Auto, 58, leathe gearknob, air-conditioning. insurance group:4, silver, 20 miles, £9299, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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SHOGUN, 3.5 gdi 5dr v6 auto, 2003, silver met with black leather, 37000 miles, £9950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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MICRA, 1.2 SE Automatic, 2004, techno grey, 22500 miles, £4995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

NOTE, Acenta, aj57xre, alloy wheels, blue, 12000 miles, £8995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

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PEUGEOT BOXER 350, 06 2005. PEUGEOT BOXER 350, 06 2005, 2.8hdi sold with rac warranty 32 mpg lx lwb hi top fwd elec pack white 55.000 miles fsh, £5495, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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306, 1.4, 1998, met red, 85046 miles. £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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806, lx hdi, 2001, silver, 87000 miles, £4195, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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911 CARRERA 4, 2002, meridian silver with blue leather, 46000 miles, £29950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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PERSONA, 1.5 GLSi Saloon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette. green,

RENAULT

CLIO, EXPRESSION 1.2 3DR, 2005 trim: cloth engine size: 1200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, extreme blue, 25400 miles, £5295, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554

tempest, 18000 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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MODUS, DYNAMIQUE 1.6 AUTO, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: automatic no. of doors: 5, mercury, 2300 miles, £7495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

SCENIC, ALIZE 1.6, 2000, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, mercury, 59000 miles, £3995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

TRAFIC, LI29 2.0 dCi 115 Lwb, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, dual passenger seat, bulkhead, ply-lined, side load door, white, 36000 miles, £7000, Clearways Commercials, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

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MANUFACTURING businesses can attend an open day at the new Renishaw Centre for Manufacturing Productivity, at the University of Greenwich at

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The centre will demonstrate the latest technology and manufacturing systems aimed at making businesses more com-

Manager Ian Cakebread said: "This is an opportunity to see how the centre can benefit your business with a range of practical training courses and access to the latest tools and systems." For details see www.renishaw.info/Greenwich or call Mr Cakebread on 01634 883858.

KCC payments under scrutiny on website

BUSINESSES waiting for their money from Kent County Council can now sound off on a website.

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Kent Labour has launched Kent Business Watch on its site www.kent-labour.org.uk where local businesses can report instances of late payments by KCC. Cllr Roger Truelove, KCC shadow cabinet member for regeneration, said Prime Minister Gordon Brown had called on councils to pay bills to small businesses within ten days to help with essential cash flow. ten days to help with essential cash flow.

"KCC's record isn't as good as it could be on paying invoices within 30 days, let alone ten," said Cllr Truelove.

RBS expands Thames Gateway presence

A MAJOR banking team in Kent has just got bigger.
The Royal Bank of Scotland's commercial

banking team in the Thames Gateway has expanded to 30 people as it continues to service one of the South East's most dynamic and growing regions.

Robert Clare, who has been with the bank

for 28 years, has taken up the team's director role after working in commercial banking in Sussex for the last five years.

His team is comprised of three sub-teams;

business development, trading, and proper-

Five additional staff, three in property and two in business development, have joined the team.

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Innovative changes to support network

BY TONY PATEY

A HUGE shake-up of the publiclyfunded business support structure across the South East is to take place over the next two years.

A new network of eight so-called 'innovation and growth teams' is being set up across the region. One will be in Kent, but the exact loc-

ation has yet to be decided.

Teams – being generated by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) – will focus on regional growth areas and will merge, under one umbrella, a range of business support activities.

It's all part of the Government's wide-ranging agenda to reduce the number of publicly-funded business support schemes and simplify the system by 2010. Each of the nation's regional development

agencies is working out its own programme and the team idea is Seeda's own approach.

In the South East, there will be a greater emphasis on the role of Business Link, and Seeda is inviting applications from sub-regional partnerships to form teams.

Seeda says the initiative will give a broader approach to promoting innovation and growth.

Teams will target support on potentially

high-growth businesses, in comparison with the county's enterprise hub network, which focuses on early-stage entrepreneurial individ-uals and companies to help bring ideas to mar-

ket quickly and profitably.

Kent's hubs are based in Canterbury,
Sittingbourne and Medway, but the idea is that the new teams will have more resources at their disposal.

A Seeda statement said: "Teams will be working with ambitious companies that are further along the development path and are aiming to make step changes in terms of their growth.

Marilyn Huckerby, head of Seeda's business innovation and growth, said: "It will represent better use of expertise, knowledge and best practice, and accelerate business through the



NEW NETWORK: Medway is already one of Kent's enterprise hubs – others are Sittingbourne and Canterbury

growth stages from start-up to corporate." She said the teams would "focus intensive support on a relatively small number of busises". Each team will work with 250 companies at any one time.

Firms with growth potential will be picked where there is some perceived barrier or chal-lenge holding them back and referrals would take place via Business Link through a range of initial avenues.

She added: "The new definition of innovation is broader in order to better target high growth potential. It doesn't just cover hightechnology products, but also new ways of doing things.

"The end-game is to generate more revenue from new or significantly improved products and services" and services."

Will the idea save any money? Seeda said: "The development of the teams is not about saving money. It is about bringing together the

funding that was going into a number of different high-growth business support activities so it can be targeted more effectively and can be used to catalyse additional services and support from local partners and stakeholders.

"The economies of scale that this generates mean that more money can be diverted to

Sub-regional partnerships will be private and public local organisations. Seeda says each will be led by a so-called business cham-pion and will involve universities, research centres, Business Link, local authorities and, where appropriate, business associations such as the Institute of Directors and chambers of commerce.

Interestingly, they can also be concerned with "developing innovative solutions to local economic issues, for example transport, ageing population and where businesses and public sector could work together".



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Cup exit adds insult to injuries for Sharks



DOVER AND OUT: The Sharks' cup hopes were ended by Chingford

DOVER were unable to repeat last season's cup heroics as they bowed out of the EDF Intermediate Cup to a well-organised Chingford.

The Sharks were just two wins from Twickenham in a stunning run in the last campaign, but their bid for glory ended in the second round this year.

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Dover handed debuts to Frogger Morton, Sam Coughlan, Arron Cooper and Michael O'Donnell, a new signing from local rivals Deal Lions. Prop Ricky Stanley also had his first outing following the triple break to his ankle in March.

Bitterly cold and windy conditions prompted numerous basic errors from both sides and after one such offence,

RUGBY

Chingford 28 Dover 18

Dover took the lead with a Martyn Beaumont penalty.

The advantage was short-lived and the hosts soon equalled the score with a penalty, before enjoying a fortuitous bounce which set up a converted breakaway try.

The hosts scored another penalty, but before the break Beaumont added a penalty and a try to make it 13-11.

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Little went right for the visitors in the second half. Chingford extended their lead with a penalty and a second try and the

Sharks were then hit with a double injury

Sam McNamara limped out after a heavy knock to his ribs and O'Donnell had no luck whatsoever on his debut, twisting a knee which could see him ruled out for weeks.

Beaumont continued his own personal scoring run with a converted try, but a third score for Chingford killed the game.

third score for Chingford killed the game. The London 2 North side deserved to progress, with their forward pack controlling the game.

Dover now turn their attention back to avoiding relegation in London 2 South. They visit The Mote on Saturday to take on bottom side Maidstone.

Loyalty bonus is an early present

DOVER Athletic fans have been rewarded for their loyalty with free entry for their home game with Tooting & Mitcham on December 16.

With six home games between Saturday's clash with Tonbridge Angels and the end of the year, Whites chairman Jim Parmenter has decided to make the game free for all supporters.

He said: "These are tough times for many fans and their families, yet our superb supporters have backed us all the way by turning up every week."

Fans who have a season ticket will have the entrance fee deducted from the cost of their renewal price next season.

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Town snuffed out by Lord and Cable

DEAL Town conceded two late goals to throw away the chance of taking something from their game against high-flying Tunbridge Wells on Saturday. Derek Hares' side trailed at the break

Derek Hares' side trailed at the break to a 12th goal of the season from the Kent League's leading scorer, Ross Cable. Town hauled themselves level just after the hour mark with a penalty from Dave Bathgate.

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It looked to have given them a share of
the points against second-placed Wells,
but strikes from Mike Lord and Cable in

the final six minutes clinched a 3-1 win.

Deal are away to Erith & Belvedere on
Saturday

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CHARACTER: John Keister (right) scored at both ends as a Dover team (in red) including manager Andy Hessenthaler, ground out a priceless win at Wealdstone

Dover bounce back after digging deep in the mire

DOVER Athletic showed they have the stomach for a title fight as they dug deep to come from behind to beat in-form Wealdstone.

John Keister scored a goal at either end in the first half before Alan Pouton netted the winner from the penalty spot after the break.

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It was Dover's 14th win in 16 games this season but few can have been more satisfying, particularly after last Tuesday's defeat at Sutton United. The victory kept manager Andy Hessenthaler's remarkable record of never losing successive games with Dover intact.

He said: "One thing we have had at this club

He said: "One thing we have had at this club since I've been here is 'bounce-back-ability', and that is what we showed on Saturday. We have played two of the form sides in the division in our last two games and we have been tested.

"Wealdstone put us under pressure on an awful pitch, but we came through to win. We have played 16 league games this season and only lost two of them, so I cannot fault my players."

Following the surprise defeat at Sutton, which ended Athletic's 11-game winning

FOOTBALL

■ BY **YOURDOVER REPORTER**

Wealdstone 1

Dover Athletic 2

Keister 28, Pouton pen 64





Subs: Bailey for Grazioli 73, Hughes for Fish 78

streak, Hessenthaler picked an experienced side for the trip to Wealdstone. The 43-year-old boss was on from the start, and with Frannie Collin out with an injury he partnered Giuliano Grazioli 33 with Shaun Welford un front

Grazioli, 33, with Shaun Welford up front.
Wealdstone had won five games in a row
going into the game and they made a confident
start. Their reward came 11 minutes into the
contest, when Ryan Ashe's free-kick was
deflected past a helpless John Whitehouse.
Trailing to a buoyant home side on a heavy

Trailing to a buoyant home side on a heavy pitch in freezing conditions, some teams would have buckled. But Dover do not know when

they are beaten and before the half-hour mark, Keister made amends.

The former Sierra Leone international finished off a typically fluid move to restore parity on 28 minutes.

When James Gray tugged back Grazioli midway through the second half, the referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and sending the defender off.

Pouton made no mistake from 12 yards. Victory extended Dover's lead to eight points ahead of Saturday's derby at Crabble against Tonbridge Angels.

Late surge fails to rescue point for Folkestone

FOOTBALL

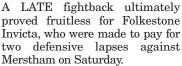
BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Folkestone Invicta 1

Chappell 65

Merstham 2

Hancock 10, Agyei 48



It was only after the Seasiders went 2-0 down early in the second half that they began to play with freedom. But despite heavy pressure in the closing minutes, Frankie Chappell's goal turned out to be just a consola-

Invicta boss Neil Cugley made two changes from the side which drew impressively with leaders Kingstonian a week earlier, with Mark Towse and Scott Lindsey coming in for the suspended Liam Friend and Michael Everitt.

The home side began well, but fell behind on

Folkestone starting XI



Subs: Byrne for Lyndsey, 56

ten minutes. Shambolic defending allowed Merstham to keep the ball in the penalty area and James Hancock eventually prodded home from close range.

The goal spurred the away side on and they controlled much of the game before half-time Striker Kwabena Agyei missed two great chances to double the lead, firstly shooting straight at goalkeeper Charlie Mitten when through one-on-one, then heading wide from only four yards.

Invicta's best chance to level fell to James Everitt, but the wing-back shot wide from a narrow angle.

Vincent headed over just after the break, but within seconds Merstham got the second goal. Towse was culpable as his attempted header back to Mitten fell short, allowing Agyei in to superbly lob the stranded goalkeeper from 20



GOOD PROSPECT: Teenager Josh Burchell had an outstanding game on the left flank for Invicta

yards. Merstham missed three great chances to put the result beyond doubt and were almost made to pay for their profligacy.

Jimmy Jackson and Liam Dickson saw efforts clear the crossbar around the hour mark, marking the beginnings of a sustained spell of pressure.

Jackson's deliveries were a constant threat, and from one corner Frankie Chappell headed

Invicta surged forward in search of an equaliser, with 18-year-old Josh Burchell particularly impressive on the left flank. The closest they came to a second goal came two minutes from time, when Jimmy Corbett's header was flicked on to the crossbar by a defender.

Folkestone were at Chatham Town last night in the Kent Senior Cup. Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for the report.

FOOTBALL

Seasiders' slide an ordeal for Cugley

NEIL Cugley says it has been "horrible" to watch his Folkestone Invicta side gradually disintegrate over the last month due to financial problems at the club.

The Seasiders have not won since beating Corinthian Casuals on October 25. The vic tory took them up to second in the Ryman South, but it was the last game before wages were halted due to debts in excess of £200,000 and players began to leave.

To date, half a dozen first-choice players

have gone and in the six games since then,

Cugley's side have picked up only three points, slipping to eighth in the table.

He said: "It's horrible because we are competitive and want to win, but I know if we pediative and want to win, but I know I we still had that side we would be second in the league. We've got to plug away with the youngsters and keep them going, there's no other way to do it. Hopefully, they'll get better. Some will come through and some wors.



HARD TIMES: Manager Neil Cugley believes that his original side would still be second in the table

The deficiencies in the makeshift side were exposed against Merstham on Saturday, when defensive errors cost them the chance of picking up a deserved point.

Cugley said: "A month ago we would have won that game comfortably because we would have been stronger at the back. We are conceding goals now we would never have conceded a month ago, but that's what

money buys you – experience.
"A problem we have got is the defence is young. That's where we've lost most of our players. We did have the best defensive record in the league, but now we don't."

While the financial problems have ended

hopes of an immediate return to the Ryman Premier, the form of young players such as Josh Burchell give the Invicta boss cause for optimism.

He said: "It's been hard, of course it has, but if you like a club you keep plugging away and hopefully it will turn round. It will never be how it was, but if these players keep getting better, then this time next year, who knows, we could be up at the top.'

Two to savour as Cook serves up late victory

FOOTBALL

Croydon 1 Hythe Town 2

DAVE Cook came to Hythe Town's rescue with two late goals to snatch victory from the jaws of a third straight defeat.

Town's title charge threatened to hit the buffers with demoralising defeats to rivals Holmesdale and Faversham Town and the poor run looked set to continue at struggling Croydon.

They trailed 1-0 going into the closing stages, but Cook hauled them level with a penalty kick. The midfielder took his tally to 11 with a winner in injury time.

The victory, combined with leaders Holmesdale drawing at home to Erith Town, puts Hythe four points off the pace but with two games in hand.

Although they are still firmly in the title race, Hythe boss Paul Fisk is uncomfortable with talk of promotion. He said: "I don't think we are the

favourites. I'm annoyed everybody else says that because there are sides with a lot more experience."

With no money to add to his squad, Fisk has considered bringing back last season's top scorer Buster Smissen, despite the striker's mystery knee problem.

He said: "Buster's had scans but the doc-

tors can't find anything so he will have an exploratory operation but it might not be for

a year.
"He's not going to be fit because he's not



BRACE: Dave Cook's goals ended Hythe's losing run

training, but we might have to wheel him out at some stage."

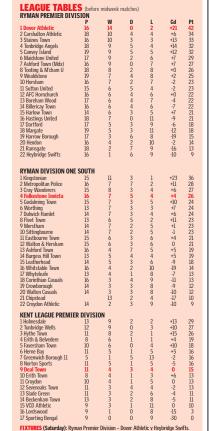
Hythe host Sporting Bengal United on Saturday, a team they beat 10-1 at Reachfields in the League Cup last month. Town will play Slade Green in the quarter-final.

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